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WE TOP CARBON EMISSIONS TABLE

**Industry, roads and building
add up to make Kent's CO2
output worst in the country**

By **MARIJKE COX**

NEW figures have revealed that Kent is the UK's worst offender for carbon dioxide emissions.

The main contributor to the county's high levels is industry, followed by road transport as thousands of vehicles pass through the gateway to England every day.

Green campaigners are calling for better insulation in homes, solar power in schools, and charges on foreign lorries to help reduce carbon emissions.

Data released by the Department of Energy and Climate Change showed figures for each of the 12 district and borough councils in the year ending 2008 which, added together, exposed Kent as the county with the largest CO2 emissions.

While industrial areas such as North Lincolnshire showed the highest emission levels per head of population, Kent saw the greatest overall amount of 11,878.94 kilotonnes of CO2 released into the environment. The per capita level was 8.5 tonnes.

In Medway, the overall amount was 1,279.04 kt of CO2, and five tonnes per head of population. The neighbouring county of East Sussex

showed a significantly lower level than Kent with 3018.83 kt and 5.9 tonnes per head of population.

Research took into account four factors: road transport, the industrial and commercial sector; domestic produce by households, and land use changes such as urban development.

Levels of carbon emissions from road transport in Kent were the highest in the country at 3568.31 kt of CO2.

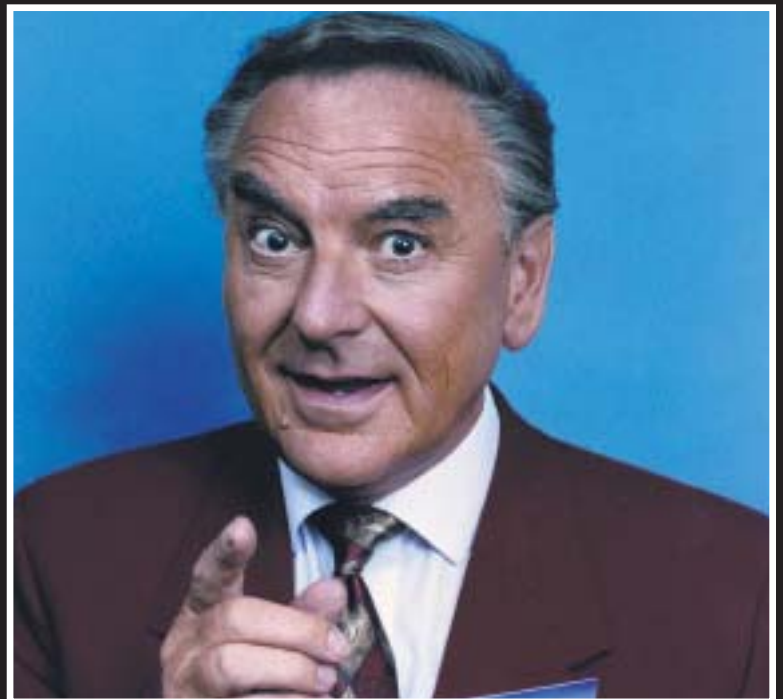
Vehicles coming through the Port of Dover – more than 20,000 per day – account for a substantial portion of this figure, according to Kent County Council.

Linda Davies, KCC's director of environment and waste, said the area had the highest emissions because it was one of the largest counties, with about 1.4 million residents and nearly 5,000 miles of roads.

"Kent is also the UK's gateway to Europe, with one of the busiest ports in the world and two major motorways and is therefore bound to have high total transport emissions," she said.

"Looking at emissions per head of population, Kent is in the middle of the table. However, the challenge we face is still huge."

An environment strategy setting out plans



Dead funny to the end

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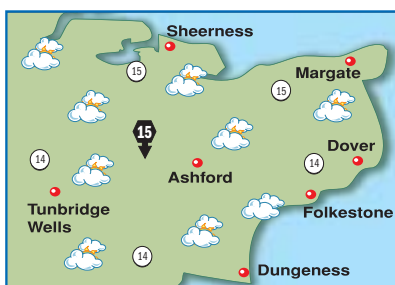
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Kent today



TODAY: It will be a largely dry day with a few sunny spells, but variable amounts of cloud around too. It will be chilly with a brisk north-easterly wind. Max temp 12-15C (54-59F). **TONIGHT:** Dry with clear spells and patchy cloud at times. Moderate north-easterly winds. Min temp 7-10C (45-50F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	12	54	London	cloudy	16	61
Belfast	fair	13	55	Liverpool	fair	15	59
Birmingham	cloudy	14	57	Manchester	cloudy	14	57
B'mouth	cloudy	16	61	Newcastle	fair	14	57
Bristol	fair	15	59	Norwich	fair	15	59
Cardiff	fair	15	59	Oxford	fair	15	59
Cork	cloudy	13	55	Southsea	cloudy	17	63
Edinburgh	cloudy	14	57	S'hampton	fair	15	59
Glasgow	fair	15	59	Southport	fair	15	59
Isle of Man	fair	14	57	Swansea	fair	15	59
Leeds	fair	13	55	Torquay	fair	15	59







Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.47am	Sunset	6.45pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.20pm	Moonset	10.22am	6.45pm to 6.49am

High Tides

	today		tomorrow	
	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	01.04	6.5	13.15	6.6
Margate	02.10	4.6	14.27	4.7
St Mary's	06.55	5.5	19.11	5.5

Week ahead

 monday Dry but cloudy. max 16C min 6C	 thursday Cloudy with rain. max 16C min 7C
 tuesday Dry. Some sun. max 16C min 6C	 friday Showery rain. max 16C min 8C
 wednesday Sunny spells. max 16C min 7C	 saturday Heavy rain. max 16C min 8C

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'It is up to you to shape KCC's public services'

By **MARIJKE COX**

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MEMBERS of the public are being invited to help shape public services as part of County Hall's new transparent future.

The Your Voice Your Services scheme, which will launch next month, will ask people to look at what services are most valued and whether Kent County Council is spending taxpayers' money wisely.

It follows the publication of the authority's most senior managers' salaries and expenses this week alongside hospitality they have received or declined, and their job descriptions.

All invoices of more than £500, excluding commercially sensitive and personal information, such as foster payments, will also be published every month as well as any contracts of more than £50,000 on the South East Business Portal at www.businessportal.south-eastie.gov.uk.

Challenge

Invoices and details of senior officers' salaries in the environment, highways and waste department were the first to go online.

The other four departments – adult social services, communities, children, families and education, and the chief executives' department – will follow by the end of the year.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter admitted that with Kent's two-tier local government system, which sees the county council working with district councils to deliver services, it had been a challenge breaking down exactly what the separate authorities do.

"The Your Voice Your Service will help people have a better idea of where the £2.4 billion of public money at KCC goes each year," he said.

"We all know there is going to be a bumpy road ahead with budgets reduced, but if we do have to make changes come autumn we want to know what the public think."

Focusing on the publication of financial information, he said: "We will do this as intelligently as possible. It's not a big bang

approach – we're going to phase this in.

"We want to show people in plain English where taxpayers' money is going."

Group managing director Katherine Kerswell, whose own salary of £197,000 was published this week alongside other members of the corporate management team, said the new system will continue to be improved to ensure it is of the highest possible standard.

"We've been working on this since June, but it is something we will look to refine as

we begin to find out what the public think," she said.

"This is about refining the way our budget book looks to make it easier for people to understand."

KCC is also introducing a new way of tracking performance, including information on how services are being delivered.

Vital

Cllr Roger Gough, cabinet member for corporate services, said: "We want the public to know how well we are delivering on our targets. Publishing quarterly statistics about our performance makes us more

accountable and open so that people can see how we are running vital services such as social care and highways."

The public can use this information to give the council their views to help shape services.

Cllr John Simmonds, cabinet member for finance said: "We all know that budgets for public services will be dramatically reduced over the next four years. It is more important than ever that people get involved and make their views known to us."

"I hope as many people as possible take part, and tell us what their priorities are and what services matter most to them."

To see how the council spends your money go to www.kent.gov.uk.

Information on Your Kent Your Voice will be delivered to households from October 4 in the Around Kent magazine.



REVIEW: Katherine Kerswell

Cutting emissions will take extra cash, say Greens

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to cut carbon emissions is being published towards the end of the year which will complement 'Growth without Gridlock' an integrated transport strategy looking to improve public transport in a bid to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. It also aims to cut congestion by investing in the road network.

Ms Davies added: "KCC's own environment policy outlines our key priority commitments to stabilise and progressively reduce our environmental footprint; progressively reduce our emissions; and make sure our estate and services are adapted to the future impacts and opportunities of climate change."

Of the 13 councils, including Medway, the district producing the highest overall emissions was Swale, with 1702.53 kt of Co2. Calculated per head of population, the worst offender was Tonbridge and Malling with 14.2 tonnes.

But local authorities have shown their commitment to driving down pollution by introducing green policies.

It has meant emissions have reduced significantly across the county since 2006, when it was 13,044 kt Co2 and 9.5 per capita.

Cllr David Simmons, Swale's executive portfolio holder for the environment, said as well as signing up to international campaigns, council staff have been taking part in bike-to-work days, eco-driving sessions and making their homes more energy efficient.

'Alarming'

Gravesham Borough Council, which had the worst per capita emissions behind Tonbridge and Malling, has also been putting green policies into practice.

A spokesman said the authority has reduced the number of IT servers from 50 to 10, put in place 'smarter driving tips', reduced electricity consumption by 10 per cent through a range of changes, and introduced energy-saving measures in its social housing.

But Steve Dawe, of Kent Green Party, said the "alarming" emissions show more needs to be done.

"Kent's councils will have difficulty reducing emissions significantly unless local government gets a larger share of public spending," he said.

"Every school and council building should have solar water heating, solar panels, combined heat and power boilers, top quality glazing and insulation, and ground-source heat pumps, where appropriate."

"But the biggest increase in emissions in the UK is from the transport sector. Transport emissions in Kent can be cut, but this depends upon effective Government action, not just action by local councils or individuals."

Mr Dawe said foreign lorries should be charged to use the roads – an idea supported by KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter.

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Friend's book to reveal unseen material from legend Bob Monkhouse

COMEDY genius Bob Monkhouse was cracking jokes until the day he died, says the close friend who broke the news of his passing, **writes Steve Knight.**

As well as being the voiceover for the Kent-born comic's popular 1970s quiz show *The Golden Shot*, Dave Ismay was also Monkhouse's warm-up act and is about to release a book based on the pair's friendship.

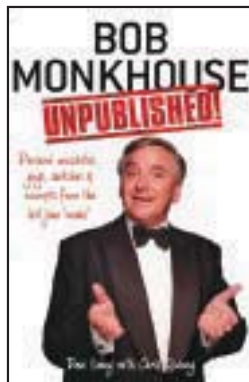
Monkhouse, who died four days after Christmas in 2003, following a battle with prostate cancer, will forever be remembered as one of Britain's finest-ever stand-up comedians.

"He was the best friend I ever had and I miss him every day," said Mr Ismay.

"His nurse needed me to be a witness after he died and it was me who had to break the news to his wife Jackie. It was gut-wrenching.

"But he was making us all laugh up until the end. I remember the day before he died, Jackie and I were chatting to each other at his bedside when the nurse who was also in the room rustled the pages of her magazine.

"Bob suddenly stirred and asked 'what was that?', and Jackie couldn't believe he had heard something so faint when he never seemed to hear anything she ever said to him.



GIFT: Monkhouse give Dave Ismay his unseen material

"Then without a pause he whispered 'Did somebody say something?'. I think those were probably his last words – a joke right at the end."

Family Fortunes

Monkhouse, who was born in 1928 at his parents' home in Bromley Road, Beckenham, quickly made a name for himself as a comedian on the stand-up and after-dinner circuits.

He was also known for being the king of the TV quiz show, hav-

ing hosted more than 30 during almost 50 years in the business. These ranged from classics such as *Family Fortunes* and *Opportunity Knocks* to more recent shows like *Wipeout*.

"I met first met Bob more than 30 years ago when he was the star of the show at a club managed by my second wife," said Mr Ismay.

"I remember watching this genius at work and wanting to throw myself under a bus afterwards because it made me realise

how insignificant my act was compared to the master's.

"I think a lot of people got the wrong impression that he was rather insincere and smarmy due to his quick-wittedness, but that couldn't have been further from the truth. He was a very genuine man and I think the public got a better perception of him towards the end."

The new book – *Bob Monkhouse: Unpublished* – contains a collection of previously unseen gags, sketches, stories and puzzles given to Mr Ismay shortly before his friend died.

It also features contributions from a host of other stars including Noel Edmonds, Jasper Carrott and Syd Little.

"Bob was writing a bumper fun book that he just couldn't get round to finishing," said Mr Ismay.

"He realised he couldn't spend the time on it that he wanted to and that he was limited by his poor health, so he gave the material to me and told me to use it as I wished.

"We had been great friends for a long time, but I was still thrilled to be given it, and it remains a cherished possession of mine. It's nice to be able to share it with the rest of the world now."

Police thumbs up

VICTIMS of anti-social behaviour are generally happy with the way Kent Police deal with their complaints, according to a new report.

The study by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary revealed that the level of resources devoted to tackling the problem matches the force's commitment to treat it as a priority. It involved a survey of 100 people who reported anti-social behaviour in Kent during September last year.

However, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary Sir Denis O'Connor has accused police forces nationally of having "given up on the street".

Countess pops in

AUTISTIC children who attend a special needs school in Wrotham were treated to a royal visit from Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

The Countess, who is also patron of the National Autistic Society, officially opened Grange Park's new building on Tuesday.

The £5.5 million school, which is based on the same site as Wrotham School, will be used by 55 pupils aged between 11-16.

KCC cabinet member for children Cllr Jenny Hahler said she was "proud" of the new school.

To see this clip search 'Lenleys' @ yourkenttv.co.uk



Lenleys in Canterbury has been revamped. Julie Maddocks met the managing director Jonathan Watts

£43k for manager who suffered racial abuse

A BARBADIAN bar manager fired just weeks after being called a "black bastard" by a colleague has been awarded £43,763 in compensation.

Paris Shabazz, who moved to the UK from Barbados as a child, says he suffered discrimination at the Miles Café Bar in Ramsgate, culminating in his dismissal in early 2008.

The former evening manager was suspended and fired for alleged misconduct after being accused of stealing money from the business, but was later found not guilty by a court.

Mr Shabazz took his former employer to a tribunal in Ashford this week, where he was awarded £39,263 damages for unfair dismissal and £4,500 for injury to feelings for the racial discrimination.

Demeaning

"The whole ordeal has been absolutely awful," said Mr Shabazz.

"My conscience has always been clean and I've only ever lived my life that way, but I just wanted to clear my name.

"I was due to do a masters degree in environmental health at the time, but I had to postpone it because my head wasn't clear.

"It's been very stressful and I've suffered from depression to a certain level.

"But now I feel a great weight off my shoulders and I feel that my life can start again."

Mr Shabazz said he had worked at the bar for more than two years before his working relationship with then-proprietor Miles Wiseman, who is no longer involved

with the business, disintegrated.

He told KOS Media he heard another employee refer to him as "that black bastard Paris" in front of a customer, but that no action was taken when the matter was reported to Mr Wiseman.

"It was very demeaning to me so when I informed Miles I expected him to do something, but he just seemed to laugh it off," said Mr Shabazz.

"I was devastated and after that he didn't really say anything to me for the next five weeks. I still can't put my finger on why things went so wrong, especially as a lot of trust was put in me to manage one of the busiest bars on the seaford.

"My head is still not clear on that."

Mr Shabazz said he was eventually fired following a misunderstanding over cash he says he was asked to look after.

The judge who oversaw his employment tribunal described the dismissal as "unfair" and carried out in a "chaotic" manner, and that his dignity was affected by the racial discrimination he suffered.

Mr Shabazz was represented in court by staff and students from the University of Kent-based Kent Law Clinic.

Third-year student Sahar Zomorodi, who helped prepare the case, said: "For Paris justice has finally been done. He was very brave to stand up to the abuse he suffered and should not have been dismissed."

KOS Media was unable to contact Mr Wiseman, who was not permitted to speak at the tribunal, for comment.

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Kids in care burden is finally at an end

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE problem of vulnerable youngsters in care being dumped miles away from their hometowns could be coming to an end.

Kent is home to almost 1,400 'looked-after children' sent to live in the county by their local authorities – some from as far away as Manchester, Birmingham and Wales.

Campaigners say the practice puts pressure on local services such as schools and hospitals, while residents in areas where it is particularly common – such as Thanet and Dover – say it leads to problems with anti-social behaviour.

However, the Government has announced that regulations restricting out-of-area placements will come into force next April.

North Thanet MP Roger Gale said: "Across Thanet the impact of out-of-area looked-after children has for too many years been considerable, placing a huge burden on local education, health and policing services.

"I very much hope that from April we will see a dramatic reduction in young people being dumped in Thanet so far from their extended families, friends and schools.

"As a result of the guidelines I believe we



Roger Gale



Laura Sandys

will see a significant benefit quite quickly."

A report compiled by KCC in February revealed that Kent was home to 1,383 young people sent from other local authorities – an increase of 159 from three years ago.

The county is seen as attractive to other councils because there are a cluster of children's homes in the coastal towns of Deal and Dover, as well as more than 30 in Thanet. South Thanet MP Laura Sandys was told of the new regulations when she met children's minister Tim Loughton last week.

"I was extremely encouraged by the education department's commitment to ensure London authorities in particular stop sending their looked-after children to Thanet," she said. "We will be taking steps to compel these authorities to make adequate provision in their own locality for those children, rather than locate them in Thanet."

Ms Sandys said she will also be campaign-

ing against a proposed new care home in Ramsgate, which she says may seek to attract youngsters from outside the area.

"We will be writing to the company to ensure they are very clear about the new regulations that will stop it taking children from London and placing them in the heart of Ramsgate," she said.

The problem of looked-after children had grown so severe that rebel headteachers in Thanet refused to accept more into their schools from outside the county.

However, Hartsdown Technology College principal Andy Somers – representing 13 secondary schools in the borough – told KOS Media the matter had been resolved since they took a stand in May.

"We have been very successful with our campaign," he said. "Out-of-area looked-after children have pretty much stopped now. We are appreciative of Laura Sandys taking up our cause and it's a fantastic outcome. It's not often a group of teachers can help change government policy.

"We never received any money for these children but we still got the blame for their poor attendance and results. All we got were phone numbers for social workers miles away who we could never get hold of."



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Orange Order in march and rally

UP TO 1,000 hard-line Protestants are expected to march through Medway this weekend after a two-day rally.

The Orange Order's Grand Lodge sessions and parade will see Orangemen from across the South East converge on the towns.

Members were due to meet at the Franklin Rooms in Gillingham on Friday.

A rally and a commemorative service are scheduled for the Naval War Memorial on the Great Lines on Saturday, before the march. More than a dozen roads along the route were due to be closed between 3-4.30pm.

Politically, the Orange Order has strong historic links to unionism, and has a history of clashes with Catholic nationalists during parades in Northern Ireland, especially during the Troubles.

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The World War One blockship SS Spanish Prince is being raised by the authorities to allow bigger cruise liners better access to Dover's Western Docks

Minister's wind farm switch on

THE largest wind farm in the world was officially opened on Thursday by energy and climate change minister Chris Huhne.

Thanet Offshore Wind Farm, which has 100 turbines, was developed

Swedish firm Vattenfall and is expected to generate power for 240,000 homes.

In total, 341 turbines will eventually be built at the site, 12km off Foreness Point, over four years.



LEADER: Nick Clegg addresses the Liberal Democrat conference

Lib Dem change of attitude

DESPITE misgivings about their coalition with the Tories, Lib Dems have agreed that the party is finally being taken seriously after its first conference in Government.

The three-day meeting on Merseyside saw a leap in attendance and media interest. Tim Prater, a Lib Dem member on Shepway council, who attended the conference, said the "remarkable" turnout proved confidence was being restored in the party – despite unease over the upcoming spending review.

Cllr Prater said: "Nick Clegg's speech was the first by a Liberal in government in 65 years and well received. The coalition wasn't something I expected, but through it we have found opportunities."

But Cllr Prater admitted the conference

showed the party was nervous about the partnership with the Tories. "We're not going to agree on everything and we need to discuss things so we can come to a resolution," he said. "We are two parties with different views – it's not always going to be easy."

High-profile Lib Dem Peter Carroll, who stood for the Maidstone and the Weald seat in May, did not attend. The Shepway councillor and Gurkha rights campaigner has always been open about his disappointment that a coalition was formed with the Tories.

Asked if this was the reason for not attending, he said: "There may be a bit of truth in that. I'm very busy, but it's also time for me to step back and listen. From the conference it's clear we're being taken seriously now."

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THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

How actress turned author to write the book on getting over a break-up

LIFE after divorce provided the unlikely inspiration for Carrie Sutton's first foray into writing.

When the Bromley-based actress could not find the help and support she was looking for in other books, she decided to write down her own experiences in the hope of filling the gap.

After the Break-Up: A Girl's Guide is published this week and Sutton, 28, aims to provide a truthful account that might help other women going through the same ordeal.

"When I was getting divorced, I was looking for a book that was a bit Bridget Jones-style, because I just kept reading all these girly books," she said.

"I wanted to be able to think, 'other people are going through it too, maybe I'm not such a loser'. But it was all fictional, so I was still thinking that maybe I was a loser, because it wasn't true. I just wanted to read other people's experiences and how they got through it.

"One day my friend and I were laughing about my dating disasters and it

was just too funny, so I thought I would write it down."

The hilarious and moving story of the first year following her divorce offers amusing tales, truthful insights and advice on how women can deal with such a huge trauma in their life.

She chose to write an account of her real-life experiences, rather than exploring the issues through fiction, because she wanted truth to be at the heart of the book.

"I had to be careful what I said about people and you've got to be sensible about what you choose to expose, but I'm a frank and honest person," she said.

"I've written nothing that I would be ashamed of or have a problem discussing. I like to help people and want them to see a good side to a dreadful situation.

"To me, the only way to do that was to be honest and bare my soul. It's not about my ex or our break-up, it's about afterwards."

Carrie is currently appearing in Sister Act in the West End, but she has also started work on her next writing project – an account of the next year in her life, post-divorce. Her advice to other women

contemplating a break-up was to simply be honest with themselves.

"If it really isn't working and if you're staying because you feel obligated or trapped, it's very brave and acceptable to take the decision to get out," she said. "You have to be really honest with yourself as to whether there is anything you want to save.

"Either you love someone or you don't and you have to be happy in the relationship.

"If you are genuinely unhappy, try to take the decision that is right for you and you don't have to take other people's advice. Do what is right for you, without being rash and do it with dignity if you can."

• **After the Break-Up:**

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Page-turning line-up to appear at book festival

QUEEN guitarist Brian May and feminist icon Germaine Greer are among the celebrities taking part in this year's Folkestone Book Festival, *writes Steve Knight*.

Channel 4 newsreader Peter Snow, former deputy Labour Party leader Lord Hattersley and actor Ron Moody will also be in attendance, alongside other more established authors such as the best-selling Sevenoaks resident Martina Cole.

The theme of this year's festival, which is run by the Creative Foundation, is history and science.

Live music, comedy, poetry, creative writing events, talks and film screenings will all form part of this year's extravaganza, which is held over nine days from November 5-13.

Festival manager Roberta Spicer said: "The festival has been running for more than 50 years in various guises, but over the last decade the Creative Foundation has worked hard to grow it substantially.

"We've made it much livelier and have broadened its appeal by attracting better-known authors whose subjects appeal to a wide range of tastes and ages, with everything from serious historical subjects to stand-up comedy.

"The consistently high quality of our authors is something we're really proud of and we continue to attract well-known names as the years go by.

"The festival has become an established event in the calendar of authors, partly



STARS: Brian May, Alexei Sayle, Germaine Greer and Arthur Smith will be at the festival

because they enjoy meeting the Folkestone audiences at book signings and in the question and answer sessions."

The Creative Foundation is currently leading a major project to reinvigorate the traditional old town and harbour area of Folkestone by developing a 'Creative Quarter' populated by artists, independent retailers and creative businesses.

Reinvigorate

Most of the festival attractions will take place at the Quarterhouse performing arts centre, with the Home Ground café bar, University Centre Folkestone, the Grand hotel and other venues also taking part.

Other authors due to attend include military historian Richard Holmes, comedian

Alexei Sayle and the Archers star June Spencer, who plays Peggy Archer.

Mrs Spicer said: "The book festival plays a key part in our plans to reinvigorate the harbour and old town area of Folkestone through events and activities that appeal both to visitors and residents. Although it is based mostly in the Creative Quarter at present, the festival attracts people from other parts of Kent to visit Folkestone and enjoy all the town has to offer.

"It's an entertaining week starring some of the most well-known and emerging authors in the UK. Events will appeal to young and old."

For more information and to book, call the Quarterhouse box office on 01303 858500 or visit www.folkestonebookfest.com.

Alternatively visit Quarterhouse at 45 Tontine Street, Folkestone CT20 1JT.

Fallon's deputy role

SEVENOAKS MP Michael Fallon has been made deputy chairman of the Tory Party.

The Prime Minister David Cameron made the announcement promoting the senior Conservative, who was a former minister under John Major, on Wednesday afternoon.

Co-chairman of the Conservative Party Baroness Sayeeda Warsi said: "I am delighted that Michael has agreed to take on the role of deputy chairman. His experience will make him a real asset to our campaigning efforts."

Mr Fallon is also a member of the Treasury select committee.

Illegal entries down

THE NUMBER of immigrants caught trying to enter the UK illegally has fallen by 80 per cent over the past year.

Home Office figures reveal that since October last year 5,369 people were stopped from crossing the Channel at Calais – a staggering reduction of 18,832 from 2008-09.

The drop comes just 12 months after the French authorities dismantled the notorious 'jungle' camp for would-be immigrants.

Kent MEP Richard Ashworth said the figures show the message the UK border is closed has gotten through to the people-traffickers.

Cruel scooter theft

A DELUXE mobility scooter worth more than £1,000 has been stolen from a Rochester garage.

The burgundy Shoprider Deluxe scooter, model TE-889N, was taken from Leybourne Road between 3-4pm on September 20.

Its owner, a 67-year-old woman, requires a scooter to get to the shops and to church.

PC Debbie Trowell said: "This is a particularly callous theft, which has caused great inconvenience to the scooter's owner. I would urge anyone who has any information to contact the police as soon as possible so we can find those responsible and return the scooter to its owner."



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**FEEL-GOOD
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SINGING secretary Jan Mason plans to swap paperclips for platinum discs as a member of the Women's Institute's first-ever pop group, *writes Steve Knight*.

The 54-year-old Rainham resident beat off hundreds of other entrants in a nationwide search for the five best voices to represent the Harmonies, whose debut album is released on October 25.

Mrs Mason, who works for Medway Community Healthcare, says she hopes the group's quest for chart success will prove to would-be members that the WI is keeping up with the times.

"We're probably not what people would envisage as typical WI members," she said. "Most have the 'jam and Jerusalem' image of old women with grey hair in mind, but none of us are like that."

"Admittedly, a lot of our members are older and have been there for years, so that's why we need younger people to join up too."

"The WI is just good fun and there's always a lot going on. You get to learn a lot of new and traditional skills, and it's great socially."

The youngest member of the Harmonies is 26-year-old Gemma Woznicki, from Bow, east London. Doreen Connor, 41, from Gloucestershire; Jennie Mantell, 35, from Staffordshire; and Naomi Willmott, 37, from Bristol, complete the quintet.

Mrs Mason, a member of Wigmore WI, reached the final stages of the competition after impressing judges with her rendition of the 1971 James Taylor hit You've Got a Friend.

More than 600 other entrants submitted tapes of themselves singing the WI's unofficial anthem Jerusalem, a modern version of which is included on the Harmonies' album.

"I thought I stood a good chance of getting into the final auditions because I knew I had quite a good voice," said Mrs Mason.

"For 10 years I sang for a semi-professional group called Spiral, so I just thought this would be a fantastic opportunity for me."

"I was very optimistic throughout the process; it was only towards the end that some doubts started to creep in, so I was so relieved and chuffed when they told me I had made the final cut."

The WI was formed in 1915 with the aim of revitalising rural communities while also encouraging women to become more involved in food production during World War One.

Since then, the group has broadened its horizons, playing a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to learn new skills.

To help promote the release of their

Harmonies singing the praises of joining WI



NEW GROUP: Jan Mason (in red) with the rest of the Harmonies

Universal Music album, Voices of the WI, the Harmonies are starring in a poster campaign for Marks & Spencer.

Prince Charles

They also made their first public performance last Saturday as part of the Prince of Wales' eco-festival, A Garden Party to Make a Difference,

that was staged at St James' Palace.

"It's been pretty full-on so far," admitted Mrs Mason. "It's given me a small taste of fame what with all the media interest, but I'm really enjoying it."

"Singing was always just a hobby of mine, but being part of a group containing five really strong voices is awesome."

Festival is great chance to get a taste of Kent, says chef Rhodes

CELEBRITY chef Gary Rhodes will be among the visitors enjoying the flavours on offer at this year's Broadstairs Food Festival.

The former Thanet catering student is a big supporter of the six-day extravaganza, which will include cooking demonstrations, taster sessions and live entertainment, and is sponsored by the publisher of this paper, KOS Media.

The festival runs from Tuesday, September 28, to Sunday, October 3.

Rhodes said: "The festival is a wonderful opportunity to see, taste and enjoy some of the best produce from the Garden of England."

"It is important for us all to experience and enjoy quality food prepared and presented by some of the best producers in the UK."

"I retain a close and strong connection to Thanet, with Broadstairs as a special place for me, and I am proud to be associated with Thanet College, which continues to go from strength to strength."

"It was there that I got my great start in the amazing world of food. I hope you will all enjoy the event. I know I will."

One of the focal points of this year's event is the new Children's Festival, which aims to involve younger people in the concept of healthy eating and help them experience the food process by visiting Kent farms.

Nineteen local restaurants will also be offering festival menus celebrating the best of locally-sourced food and drink. Visit www.broadstairs-foodfestival.org.uk for a full timetable of all the attractions on offer.

Organiser Bill Hackney said: "We've had more visitors to Broadstairs over the last two years



GARY RHODES

than I think we've ever had, but we'd like to attract more to the area in the off-season too."

"When people come here they love the place and come back time and time again, but the festival is also about engaging with local traders and residents, to show them that actually, Kent and Thanet produce some good stuff."

Meanwhile, the three-day Canterbury Eurofair enters its final stretch this weekend.

The event, which is being held at the Dane John Gardens, features more than 110 stalls including 30 local companies affiliated with Produced in Kent.

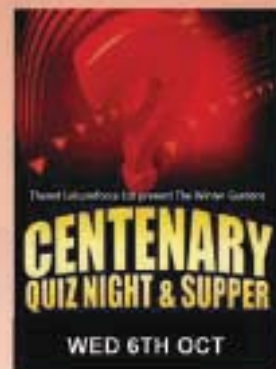
There is also music, entertainment, tastings and special offers from city centre restaurants and businesses, as well as the Little Lounge area for younger visitors.

The Eurofair ends at 4pm on Sunday, September 26.

• See p28 for more on the county's food producers.



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£3,000 pupil fund would close the 'schooling gap'

THE head of a children's charity has called for a £3,000 'pupil premium' to close the "unacceptable" education gap between rich and poor youngsters.

Sally Copley, head of Save the Children, said the move would bring in an extra £83.3 million to schools in Kent and Medway, targeting the most vulnerable children.

The pupil premium is being introduced by the Government in September, 2011, so additional funding will be provided to disadvantaged pupils to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as those from better-off families.

Save the Children researched the difference between poor and wealthier students by looking at GCSE passes of those on free school meals.

Kent's GCSE results showed 46 per cent of the poorest children managed five A* to C grades, compared with 75 per cent of their better-off classmates – a gap of 29 per cent.

In Medway the gap was 23 per cent, with 73 per cent of wealthier pupils achieving five good grades and 50 per cent of the poorest youngsters.

Although the Government has committed to the pupil premium, no amount has been set, and Ms Copley believes £3,000 per pupil per year in addition to existing funding, would help close the class gap in the county.

"It's simply wrong that at every

By **MARIJKE COX**

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stage of schooling, the poorest children in Kent and Medway do worse and make less progress than their better-off classmates," she said.

"Having such an attainment gap is totally unacceptable in 2010.

To break this cycle of under-achievement, children from the poorest homes must be given high-quality additional support to ensure they can achieve their potential."

The charity's Better Odds at Schools campaign is calling for the funding to pay for more one-to-one support or catch-up tuition.

Tuition

Cllr Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council cabinet member for children, families and education, said Kent has already seen the benefits of giving schools their own funding to provide one-to-one tuition and other extra-curricular support.

Under Labour's National Challenge programme, which looked to ensure at least 30 per cent of pupils in every maintained school achieved five higher grade GCSEs by 2011, the county saw big improvements, with

the number of 'failing' schools being cut drastically.

Cllr Hohler said: "In just three years, because of the extra funding, dedication of our teachers and support from KCC, the number of schools in the programme has reduced more than 30 to just four.

"With more students achieving GCSE qualifications, their chances in life are much improved.

"We hope the pupil premium, a key plank of the new coalition's Government's policy, will be used to good effect by schools once the details have been announced."

Cllr Les Wicks, Medway Council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "Medway is one of the top 10 local authorities for targeting one-to-one tuition money to raise achievement for vulnerable groups."

HERNE Bay Pier sports pavilion has been handed a death sentence by Canterbury Council.

The home of Herne Bay United roller hockey team will be flattened and the pier platform will be surfaced with tarmac until a new use can be found for the area.

Cllr Peter Lee said: "These are exciting times for the Herne Bay pier. For the first time for many years it looks as though it might have a brighter future than it has had in the past.

"Lots of people have felt for a long time the first thing that had to be done was the removal of the pavilion because it simply is a block on any further improvement or development of the pier.

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Primary places shortfall battle

A PRIMARY school struggle is on the cards after figures revealed a lack of available places for new pupils in some Kent districts. Gravesham is the area most likely to suffer, with an expected shortfall of 128 places next year, followed by Dartford (95) and Tunbridge Wells (90).

Kent County Council sets schools a target of having between five and seven per cent surplus capacity to cope with any additional pressure for places, but the county's overall figure now stands at just 0.7 per cent.

Independent education advisor Peter Read told KOS Media he warned the authority 18 months ago there were "problems brewing" in Gravesham, where he serves as a school governor.

He said: "This year they came to a head and in Northfleet there wasn't a single school with a vacancy, with some children being sent to the new Manor School in Swanscombe. The situation isn't much better in Gravesend, with just three schools having vacancies, one of which received 27 children whose parents hadn't applied.

"Other hot-spots include parts of Dartford, Tonbridge and Thanet."

• **For more on this, see our Education for Kent supplement in today's paper.**

Quotas all at sea

FISHERIES minister Richard Benyon has been asked to go back to the drawing board to help Kent's commercial fishermen avoid ruin.

Last month the Marine Management Organisation increased the allocation of sole for owners of under 10-metre boats in the North Sea after their quota ran out.

The reprieve was hailed by Mr Benyon, but he is now being told the extra stocks, part of a swap deal with the Netherlands and Germany, are still not enough.

Canterbury MP Julian Brazier said: "While the MMO has secured some sole quota and reopened the fishery, the amount they are allowed to catch – 250kg a month – is not enough. Most boats would be able to catch this amount in three to four days."

Rocking the nave

CANTERBURY Cathedral is to host its first ever rock gig and it will feature Jethro Tull frontman Ian Anderson (pictured).

The concert on Saturday, December 18, from 7.30pm, will raise funds for Canterbury Gift, a charity that supports conservation, education, music and craftsmanship at the cathedral.

Anderson will be performing the Jethro Tull Christmas Album and other hits, supported by special guests. For tickets, priced from £10-£30, call 01227 464764 or visit the Canterbury Gift office at 27-28 Burgate.



From doodlebugs to doodles, portrait of dad from the Hart

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

HE MAY be well known as Morph's dad and a presenter who brought the world of art to children, but television legend Tony Hart cut his teeth getting to grips with naked fat models in Kent.

His daughter has just published a book on her famous father's life and she told KOS Media a little about his early life in the county where he was born.

Tony's parents, Norman and Evelyn, lived in Maidstone until the 1970s and he was born in Hastings Road on October 15, 1925.

Daughter Carolyn Ross said: "By the time he arrived at Maidstone Art College he already had a great grounding in art. But it wasn't until then that he really started to learn his skill.

"He spent quite a lot of time doing architectural drawings – he did lots of buildings. And there was an enormous amount of studies from life. He would go to all sorts of places and draw what was going on.

"One was Maidstone Crown Court and he would draw what was happening in the court rooms.

"He told me on one occasion he saw a man receive the death penalty for whatever it was he had done, which must have been pretty bad. I asked him what the man's reaction was to getting the death sentence and he told me he did nothing and was absolutely expressionless."

She added: "At the college, there were lots of models that they would draw.

"There were all shapes and sizes. There were fat ones, thin ones, pretty ones, ugly ones, tall ones and short ones. They were nude, of course, and a combination of men and women. But there



TAKE HART: The late artist with daughter Carolyn Ross, whose book has a foreword written by Morph, left

was one woman who posed for them quite often who was not that great in the body department – she was a bit big, good curves, great for drawing.

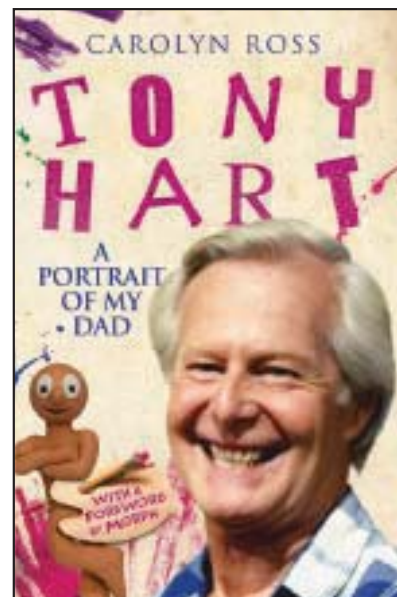
"My father and some other students went to a party in London. It was quite a smart affair. And there was a woman at the party who looked very familiar in a stunning dress and beautifully made up.

Rocket attack

"And suddenly he realised it was this model. He said she was a lot better with her clothes on – luckily he didn't say it to her."

Tony was also one of the first people to see a doodlebug – V1 rocket – on its way to attack London, when one flew over his home in Maidstone.

Carolyn said: "It made the strangest noise that no-one had heard before and looked very odd. My father saw it, drew it,



and it appeared in one of the newspapers at the time. It was one of the first sightings."

Hart was loved by millions and first made art accessible to children in the 1970s with shows such as Vision On, and later with his Plasticine pal Morph, who was in danger of constantly upstaging him.

His gentle and warm-hearted presentation style helped transform children's TV and he became one of the most distinctive presenters on British television.

After he died in January, 2009, at the age of 83, a flashmob of tiny Morph-shaped Plasticine figures was placed on London's Bankside by fans to honour his memory.

Our sister paper YourMaidstone backed a campaign for a permanent tribute in the county town and now there is a plaque in the Graham Clarke Gallery in the Hazlitt Arts Centre.

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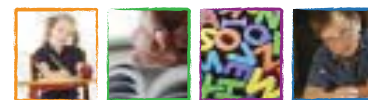
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Survivors of London bombing fear losing disability benefits



LUCKY: Beverli Rhodes underwent major facial surgery after being hurt in the July 7 bombings

'Forgotton' 7/7 victims face Government cuts

A SURVIVOR of the London bombings has demanded better treatment of the "forgotten" victims as Government prepares to reassess their eligibility for disability support, *writes Marijke Cox.*

Beverli Rhodes, from Kennington in Ashford, was one of hundreds caught up in the July 7 atrocities five years ago, when 52 people lost their lives and 700 were injured after three tube trains and a bus were blown up by Islamic extremists.

The 49-year-old underwent major surgery to rebuild her face and has struggled with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) ever since, forcing to her to leave her job, which involved anti-terrorism in London.

The grandmother is now launching a campaign to draw attention to the plight of survivors after the Government announced plans to re-evaluate their eligibility for Disability Living Allowance, which is a tax free amount for disabled people.

The move by the coalition forms part of the radical shake-up of the welfare system, which looks to get thousands of people on incapacity benefits back to work and to save money as part of the spending cuts.

But Mrs Rhodes said she is concerned PTSD is going to be overlooked in disability claims despite symptoms including black-outs, panic attacks, loss of balance and fits.

She also believes the victims should not be included in the reform, which mainly targets those people who have been claim-



ing benefits when they are not eligible.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the survivors suffer from PTSD," said Mrs Rhodes.

"Many of them can look after themselves and can still walk, but need to rely on other people to help them.

"All those victims who are given disability living allowance – which in most cases is around £20-40 per week – are to be re-evaluated by Government to see if they should receive this money.

Medication

"We were assured by the Home Office before the change in Government that they would look after us and provide for us if we needed it, but with the cuts and changes survivors are being lumped in with people who are claiming fraudulently or should not be on benefits. I feel that survivors should not be tarred with the same brush."

Mrs Rhodes said she does not claim state disability benefits and as a result has

had to cancel her medication for PTSD.

"I have four different types of medication and I can't afford to keep paying," she said.

"I'm unable to claim disability living allowance because I received £12,000 for the surgery to my face and I was told if I claimed benefits they would knock this amount off my payments."

Mrs Rhodes said she believes the victims of the 2005 bombings have been forgotten and is preparing an open letter to government bringing the matter to ministers' attention.

"In war there are no winners, only losers, and as survivors of an act of the terrorism war we continue to lose," she said.

In her letter Mrs Rhodes will highlight the need for central support for 7/7 survivors and bereaved families, and want a minister appointed to look after victims.

Under Labour, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport outlined the need for humanitarian assistance "to ensure the needs of British people affected by emergencies are understood and properly considered".

Mrs Rhodes said she will also call for help with completion of the disability allowance forms and advice from professionals.

A spokeswoman from the Department for Work and Pensions said the reassessment of everyone on incapacity benefits was to stop people being trapped in the welfare system.

Asked about PTSD, she said the affects of the condition would be taken into account during assessments.

"The main focus is to try and help people get back into work when they have been on incapacity benefits for years," she said.

Lifeboat call-outs drop in summer

THE SUMMER months were beautiful for beach and sun lovers, but that also meant the county's lifeboats were fully occupied again.

The RNLI figures for June to August show the volunteer crews were scrambled 167 times, down from 197 last year.

Sheerness and Littlestone were the only stations to buck the trend in Kent, with a slight increase in launches. At Sheerness, launches went from 28 to 35, and at Littlestone, there was a small rise from 12 to 14.

Whitstable dropped one to 37; Margate dropped four to 22; Ramsgate fell from 42 to 37; Walmer halved to six; Dover had a good reduction from 35 to 14; and Dungeness was also halved to two.

Andrew Ashton is the RNLI divisional inspector for the East.

He said: "While the overall number of call-outs for our lifeboat crews are slightly down on last summer, the holiday period continues to be a busy time.

"Our volunteer crews and life-guards responded to a variety of rescues during the holiday period – from people cut off by the tide to stricken divers, canoeists, windsurfers and boats.

"One crew were even launched to monitor the area while a controlled explosion of a World War Two mine was carried out.

"RNLI volunteers were, as always, ready to respond to the call for help no matter what time of day or night."

It was also busy on the Thames. Gravesend RNLI launched 47 times in 2010, just once more than in 2009.

Mr Ashton said: "Gravesend ranked eighth busiest. RNLI lifeboats on the Thames operate slightly different to their coastal counterparts.

"For one thing, three of the four stations use full-time paid lifeboat crew members. These stations have to be permanently manned because of the required 90-second response time to incidents on the river."

Typical rescues included capsized rowers, sinking yachts, people ill or injured on board passenger vessels, people who jump into the river, boat fires, and people who have fallen in.

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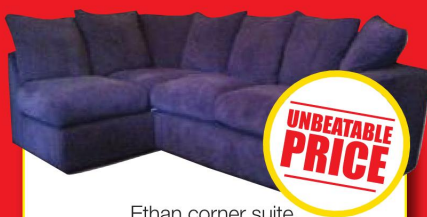
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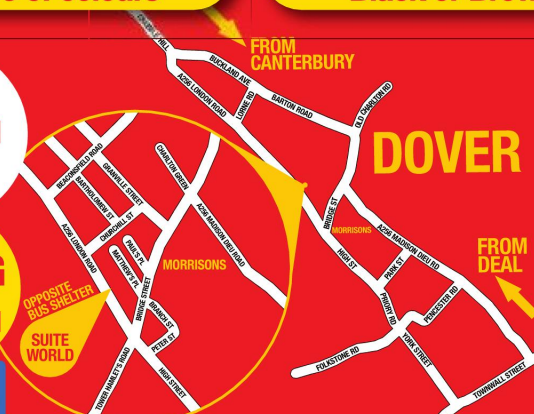
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YOU'LL need more than just the ability to hold a note to win the new Top Choir Kent Award next year.

It will be the second time the popular contest has been held by organiser the Rotary Club of Canterbury.

It took its inspiration from the BBC's Last Choir Standing TV series and is open to amateur choirs of all ages right across the county.

The final will be at Shirley Hall, Canterbury, next April, so there is plenty of time to loosen the vocal chords.

By that time, the judges will have whittled the entrants down to an eight-strong shortlist who will take to the stage on April 16.

The panel of judges will be headed by organist Dr David Flood who is Master of Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral.

He will be joined by the director of music at the University of Kent, Susan Wanless.

The winners will receive the Top Choir Kent Trophy as well as a unique opportunity to showcase their talents at the Canterbury Festival in October, 2011. Plus each finalist will receive a cash prize.

Robert Yonge, president of the Rotary Club of Canterbury said: "The 2010 final, earlier this year, generated more than £5,000 for Rotary charities."

Rosie Turner, director of Canterbury Festival, said: "The standard was fantastic. Winners Green Street Blues, from Sevenoaks, have been rewarded with a performance in this year's Canterbury Festival."

"I'm sure we will find an equally exciting choir from the 2011 competition who will get the chance to perform in next year's festival."

The deadline for entries is January 31. Visit www.topchoirkent.org for more details.



Supplier under pressure as water complaints rise

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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ONE OF Kent's main water suppliers was flooded with complaints at a rate more than double the national average last year.

South East Water has come under fire after figures revealed the company handled the most grievances per 10,000 customers of all 13 UK providers not involved in the sewerage side of the business.

And this came after a nine per cent reduction in complaints during 2008-09.

Industry watchdog the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) said it would be putting pressure on poor-performing firms to make improvements.

Progress

Chairwoman Dame Yve Buckland said: "Water customers are used to hearing about year-on-year rises in complaints but we are beginning to see progress from many of them."

"Unfortunately there are still a few companies who are letting their customers down when it comes to service."

"Despite a nine per cent drop in complaints, South East Water continues to be one of the worst performing companies in the industry."

"It is particularly poor for a smaller company that only provides water and is not involved in the sewerage side."



SINKING FEELING: South East Water has been criticised over the level of complaints

"Many customers are satisfied with the service provided by their water company, but if something goes wrong we know customers want the problem to be sorted out quickly."

"The industry still has much more work to do and we will continue to call for improvements to ensure the year-on-year trend of rising complaints is well and truly behind us."

South East Water supplies drinking water to 2.1 million homes across Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire.

Most of the complaints were about billing and charging, but there were also gripes about metering and water service.

The firm has seen a 20 per cent reduction in complaints over the past three years, from 11,440 in 2007-08 to 9,102 last year.

Customer services director Steve George said the company's merger with Mid Kent Water in December, 2007, had contributed to the high number of complaints.

He said: "We had a massive challenge when two water companies merged to deliver a new in-house customer service centre, and have worked closely with the CCW to continually improve our service to customers since then."

Dedication

"We have invested in the training and development of our staff and are now seeing the benefits of their hard work and their dedication to improving service for our customers."

"Nevertheless we are not complacent and recognise we still have a long way to go to bring down the number of complaints."

Meanwhile, Southern Water – which provides Kent homes with both water and sewerage services – was praised by the CCW after figures revealed a 39 per cent drop in complaints from 25,147 to 15,278.

Veolia Water Southeast – formerly Folkestone and Dover Water – received only 130 complaints last year, down from 165 in 2008-09.

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Daughter gets new school from mum

THEY say there's nothing as strong as a mother's love and in the case of Judith Hawarden this certainly rings true, *writes Marijke Cox.*

For when faced with decisions over her daughter's special educational needs (SEN), the 43-year-old took the ambitious step of starting her own school to ensure eight-year-old Izetta got the best education possible. And after two years of hard work, the Clementina School, in Canterbury, was granted independent status last month and can now accept other pupils aged from seven to 12 with a range of SEN, including Down's syndrome, ADHD, learning difficulties and epilepsy.

Mrs Hawarden said: "My daughter was at the Canterbury Steiner School but had developmental and speech difficulties and we had to start looking for special schools.

"Although there are good ones in Kent they are always over-subscribed and I also wanted to continue with the Steiner-Waldorf education used at her previous school."

Steiner-Waldorf, created by Rudolph Steiner in the 20th century, is a form of education which promotes a creative learning environment, focusing on the needs of the whole child, including academic, physical, emotional and spiritual.

Mrs Hawarden and her husband Connan, 49, used their own money to bring in specialists from across the country to look into starting up a school, and the Canterbury Steiner School gave its support by agreeing to accommodate the specialist provision within its grounds. It means children attending Clementina can still integrate with mainstream pupils during play times and social and cultural events.

Natural

"The new school is the first of its kind in Kent where we work with the natural environment to help teach," said Mrs Hawarden.

"We adapt the Steiner-Waldorf curriculum to the children's needs, although we do use the National Curriculum as well.

"The teaching takes a more holistic approach and with academic subjects, rather than an hour on each, there will be two to three hours focusing on one area for a block of lessons lasting three to six weeks."

There is also a strong therapeutic input from outside specialists, including massage therapy, art therapy and speech therapy.

Mrs Hawarden, a teacher herself, has brought in independent staff to help with teaching, which currently can accommodate five children with SEN, either with statements of needs or without.

"We are looking towards a future with support from the local education authority," she said. "Unlike the new free schools policy, which means no LEA control, we want to have that support."

Free schools are part of the coalition Government's shake-up of the system where charities, parents, businesses or educational groups can set up a new, all-ability, state-funded school, free from LEA control.

In the future Mrs Hawarden hopes to be able to relocate her school and take on as many as 30 pupils as well as opening up the age gap to include 13 to 17-year-olds.

For information about the school and fees, go to www.clementinaschool.com.

Parking permit prices increase

RESIDENT parking permit prices in Bexley are rising after officials said income was not meeting the cost of providing and enforcing controlled parking zones (CPZ) in the borough.

Until August, Bexley charged residents living in most CPZs £35 a year.

But this left a £330,000 shortfall in cash needed to enforce of the zones, so the price has risen to £70 a year.

Next year the permit will rise to £100. A £60 residents' parking permit rose to £90 in August and will increase to £120 next year.

Bridge hospice honour

A NEW bridge in Central Park, Dartford, was officially named after EllenorLions Hospices on Friday.

Those attending included EllenorLions Hospices chief executive Carol Stone, Cllr

Jeremy Kite and Cllr Patsy Thurlow.

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Call to protect wetlands for threatened wildlife

By **MARIJKE COX**

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THOUSANDS of birds could be given special protection under the Government's latest plans to save Kent's most important wildlife habitats.

Last month, Margate and Long Sands sandbank, which stretches along the north Thanet coast to the outer Thames estuary, became one of the first offshore sites in the UK to be preserved under EU law.

Now, just three weeks later, Natural England, the Government's independent advisor on the environment, has outlined another Kent site it wants protected.

A three-month public consultation has started in a bid to get Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay designated as a site of European and international conservation importance.

The area in Shepway, which stretches along to East Sussex, supports vulnerable, critically endangered species and threatened ecological communities associated with wetland habitats. It also contains rare and unique wetlands such as saline lagoons, freshwater pits and basin fens.

Evidence

Part of the area running from Dungeness to East Sussex is already preserved as a special protection area by Government, but plans are to have it extended and for a new Ramsar site – which highlights internationally important wetlands – to be included.

Melanie Hughes, Natural England's business manager for London and the South East, said if the designations go ahead, the area would be conserved for the benefit of future generations.

"Our scientific evidence shows that the areas we are now proposing for designation are home to a vast number of birds, rare and threatened populations of invertebrates and important and diverse populations of plants," she said.

"The site supports more than 20,000 water



Picture: RSPB



Picture: NATURAL ENGLAND



SENSITIVE SOULS: Avocets, Sandwich terns and hen harriers (l-r) can all be found in the Dungeness (top) and Romney Marsh areas

birds outside the breeding season, and significant populations of 12 nationally important bird species use the site."

These include marsh harriers, avocets, Sandwich terns, bitterns, hen harriers, mute swans and the shovellers.

Mrs Hughes added: "The proposed special protection area and Ramsar sites contain representative, rare and unique examples of wetlands. The shingle beaches and the mosaic of associated habitats are some of the best in Europe."

Fay Bouri, conservation officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said the Dungeness peninsula was one of the most important and sensitive wildlife habitats in the UK and the designation of special protected areas was vital in halting the decline of important bird populations.

She said: "Dungeness is an expanse of coastal wetlands that is internationally important for breeding and wintering waterbirds, and an important stopover for migrants."

"The UK is home to nationally and interna-

tionally important populations of birds, and we have a responsibility to look after them."

"Many of these bird populations are in decline and are under threat from a range of factors, including development."

"Special protection areas give the highest level of protection to these birds by ensuring that decisions about how we use these areas take full account of their needs."

A report on the consultation will be submitted to Caroline Spelman, the secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs.

No evidence to suggest gulls likely to spread superbugs, says RSPB

THE RSPB has moved to calm fears that seagulls may pose a risk of spreading superbugs throughout Kent's coastal towns.

Scientists analysed 57 droppings from the yellow-legged Caspian gull on an island off the Portuguese coast and found that one in 10 harboured bacteria resistant to a common antibiotic called vancomycin.

Such bacteria are generally harmless to healthy people, but can cause serious infections in the weak and vulnerable, and there is a concern the resistance could be passed on to bacteria that can evade other antibiotics.

Seagulls are regular visitors to towns including Margate, Folkestone and Dover, but the



Picture: MARK SZCZEPANIK

INFECTION RISK? Caspian gull

RSPB said there was still much work to be done on the research.

A spokeswoman said: "The gulls on which the bacteria were found came from one site in Portugal, and we have no idea how representative this is of the gull population at large."

"Indeed, as the study was

based on faecal samples collected along a shoreline, we can't say for definite that it was gulls alone carrying the bacteria."

"Also, no evidence was produced that supported the claim that the migration or dispersal of these birds might be a factor in spreading the bacteria."

"As far as yellow-legged gulls being found on the south coast, they are only occasional breeders. It would be herring gulls that people see most commonly."

The spokeswoman also pointed out that the bacteria involved in the research are not the same as those which cause MRSA.

Seagulls can be the cause of much frustration to coastal residents and businesses.

In June last year Dover council asked people to delay putting their rubbish out until as late as possible to reduce the risk of the birds ripping open bin bags.

The following month, traders in Shepway and Thanet called for a cull of seagulls due to their "menacing" behaviour.

An expert from the Health Protection Agency admitted the Portuguese superbug research was a cause of concern.

He said: "The study suggests the wider environment has become contaminated with resistant bacteria."

"However, there is no evidence the seagulls were carrying the strain of resistant enterococci bacteria seen in hospitals."

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Schoolchildren swap ABC for the Odeon

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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PUPILS are being allowed to exchange their pencil cases for popcorn to learn from films including Disney's *Princess and the Frog*.

Madagascar and *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* are also being shown as part of National Schools Film Week, which is encouraging teachers to take their pupils on a free trip to the cinema.

The initiative, set up by the Film Education charity, has won the backing of Oscar-winning director Danny Boyle, as well as numerous academics from across the country.

Jon Kear – lecturer in the philosophy of art at the University of Kent – said the movies would help to teach youngsters about film-making and act as a springboard for further discussion.

For example, children who watch *Percy Jackson* at the cinema might then be asked to complete a project on Greek mythology.

"The idea is to raise issues about the films themselves," said Dr Kear.

"It's not simply to encourage students wanting to study film anyway, but to deepen the experience of others who may see going



RAISING ISSUE: *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* is among films being shown to pupils

to the cinema as simply entertainment. I think it's safe to say film is the dominant art form of our time, and is a vehicle through which we can understand our world and raise issues from it.

"Children from a very early age are familiar with watching films, so cinema can reach them in ways that other art forms or study areas may take more time to."

Teenagers

National Schools Film Week runs from October 14-22, and is being supported by cinemas in Canterbury, Ashford, Folkestone, Maidstone, Rochester, Chatham, Herne Bay and Tunbridge Wells.

In addition to the PG and U certificate films which are being shown to younger pupils,

there are also more grown-up movies for teenagers, including *Hidden*, and *Fish Tank* – directed by another Oscar-winner, Dartford's Andrea Arnold.

Mr Kear will give a short lecture before the screening of *Hidden*, a moody French-language hit released in 2005, at Canterbury Odeon on October 20.

He said: "*Hidden* is a very challenging and thought-provoking film by a man who is celebrated for making movies about deep-seated failures in modern society.

"The pupils who watch it will be dealing with the kind of film that wants to address things in a different way and encourage dialogue, rather than just providing the audience with simple answers."

This year marks the 15th anniversary of National Schools Film Week, which will be celebrated with 2,800 screenings at 570 cinemas across the UK.

In 2009, more than 400,000 students and their teachers took part.

Director Nick Walker said: "We hope teachers and students feel engaged and realise that attending a screening is far more than a nice trip to the cinema.

"We do this by giving schools added talks and online resources to contextualise the film, to empower teachers and to encourage students to explore new worlds by seeing films they wouldn't ordinarily choose to go to."

Visit www.nsfw.org for more information.



HIS WORKSHOP: Zana Abdollah

Refugee's animation wins award

A YOUNG refugee who recently arrived in the UK and now lives in Kent has won a film award for his Plasticine stop-go animation comparing life in the UK and Iran.

Zana Abdollah's *Our Country* won Film Nation: Shorts Film of the Month for August.

It is to be screened on the London 2012 Live Sites screens across the country and also in Dover.

The animation, in a similar style to that used by the late Maidstone celebrity Tony Hart, is also in the running to win the opportunity to be screened at London 2012 venues during the Olympic Games.

Zana, 19, made his short with the help of other unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people from the Kent Refugee Action Network.

Spokesman Wendy Catterick said: "I was at the workshop when work was being done on this short, and I have to say I was very impressed."

The film can be seen at www.filmnation.org.uk/watch/film/our-country.

There are further free workshops planned for next month so other young filmmakers can further their skills using state-of-the-art equipment and meet professionals who can guide the whole process.



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Thieves target convertors for precious metal

ASHFORD is suffering a steep rise in the number of catalytic convertors being stolen from vehicles.

According to police, there have been at least eight thefts since the beginning of September. The thieves seem mainly to be targeting commercial vehicles, some of them on industrial estates.

In one of the worst cases, the exhaust systems from 13 vans were taken from a business on the Ellingham Industrial Estate. The incident happened on the early morning of September 2.

It is estimated the catalytic convertors were worth about £40,000. The thieves also stole tool kits from the vehicles.

Catalytic convertors are targeted because of the precious metals, including platinum, used in coatings on the inside of the exhaust box. They are then exported to countries such as China where the metals can be extracted.

In one of the latest incidents this month, two convertors were taken from a charity's minibuses in Rolfe Lane, New Romney.

The estimated value was £1,100.

Brenda joins soccer star in cancer video

A BLOOD cancer survivor from Maidstone has teamed up with a former England football international to raise awareness of the disease.

Brenda Wilson, from East Farleigh, and former Crystal Palace midfielder, Geoff Thomas, have created a video that will be played at football grounds around the UK this season.

Brenda, 66, was given the all-clear after her battle with acute myeloid leukaemia nearly six years ago and has since set about helping to raise the profile of the disease.

The retired secretary had been campaigning with the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research's Maidstone branch when she was asked to star in the promotional video with the former England player.

Thomas, 46, who won nine caps for his country, was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia in 2003, less than a year after retiring from the game.

Brenda and four other leukaemia sufferers starred with him in the video, which will be shown on screens at grounds such as White Hart Lane, Anfield and Celtic Park.

Who cares whether we have an elected mayor like Boris?



ELECTED: Boris Johnson

LONDON-style elected mayors are unlikely to be introduced in Kent, judging by an apathetic response to public consultations.

Every district and borough council must ask taxpayers what they think of the proposal by the end of the year, but early indications are that hardly anybody cares.

Local authorities are currently run by the leader of the ruling party and his cabinet, but the proposed changes would result in a single directly-elected individual being placed in charge of the entire organisation – similar to how London Mayor Boris Johnson runs the capital.

However, just one person responded to a recent survey on the matter by Ashford council, while Swale council is faring only slightly better, with five responses so far.

"This issue dates back to before the general election," said Swale council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles. "Some people were hoping it would be kicked into the long grass once the coalition came in, but that hasn't happened."

"We're purely following Government advice and I would be very surprised if anything changed."

"It's not a referendum, so the decision is still in the hands of the members anyway. I don't detect any great desire from anyone to place all the power in the hands of one man or woman."

Councils must decide whether to adopt the directly-elected mayor structure or the alternative 'strong leader' model before the end of the year, with the changes coming into effect from May, 2011.

The strong leader model is only slightly different from the existing management structure, which most local authorities already have in place, an example being that the leader would appoint the cabinet as opposed to the full council doing so as at present.

However, the leader would be appointed by the council, whereas the mayor would be elected by the residents.

Cllr Bowles said: "I don't think a directly-elected mayor would go down well in somewhere as large as Swale, because geographically I don't think it fits. People in Faversham wouldn't want to be ruled by somebody living miles away from Sheppey and vice versa."

Ashford council asked the question of its

Would-be male escorts victims of cash scam

ASPIRING male escorts have been targeted by greedy conmen, Trading Standards officials have revealed.

Potential recruits responding to a bogus agency were told they could earn £600 from a guaranteed six appointments per week.

All they needed to do to get on the firm's books was make a deposit of £249 by cheque or bank transfer to cover administration fees and background checks.

However, those who stumped up the cash heard nothing more from the agency.

Medway Council's Trading Standards said the scam was one of 15 reported to the team in the last week alone.

Community safety spokesman Cllr Mike O'Brien said: "There is a noted increase in the number of enquiries related to scams and it is not clear if this is because more people are being targeted, or because of increased awareness of these scams."

"Trading Standards are warning that when unemployment is high, offers to get rich quick and earn easy cash go up."

By STEVE KNIGHT

residents in its self-published Voice magazine, but despite being pushed through 52,000 letterboxes only one person responded.

Cllr Michael Cloughton, portfolio holder for community, said he was not surprised by the lack of replies.

"The make-up of the council may not be very high on people's agenda," he said. "In Ashford the current structure works well. The council performs well and the record shows that."

"People take an interest in certain things more than others. The closure of the magistrates' court, for instance, has provoked a large response."

"When things affect people directly, then they let their feelings be known."

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Accident brings call to regulate pole-dancing

POLE-dancers are calling for the pastime to be more closely regulated, to ensure women are not putting themselves at risk of serious injury.

The activity came under intense scrutiny last week, when it was revealed that 32-year-old Debbie Plowman, from York, had suffered paralysis from the chest down after falling on her head during a training session.

Now the founder of Maidstone-based Pole Secrets is warning rookie dancers to steer clear of non-qualified instructors and seedy strip clubs to reduce the risks of similar accidents.

Mother-of-two Claire Wright said: "For years I have been petitioning for pole fitness schools to be closely monitored, and for the aspects of health and safety to be recognised.

"Accidents such as this do not often happen, and although it appears it was in this instance

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unavoidable, it is a pertinent time to ensure the general public are made aware of the importance of training with qualified fitness professionals.

"Pole fitness is a fantastic sport, and when taught in the correct environment is one of the best forms of fitness."

Pole-dancing classes have sprung up across the country in recent years after celebrities such as Kate Moss and Jennifer Aniston endorsed the fitness benefits of the activity.

However, Mrs Wright says too many students are relying on the use of 'pole heels', which she says give the false impression that their legs will be strong enough to grip the pole without them.

She added that some training schools also

hold their courses in bars and nightclubs, increasing the risk of injury due to potential hazardous objects, inappropriate floor surfaces and the temptation to drink alcohol.

"These matters of health and safety highlight the importance to regulate and control this sport in the same way as other higher profile sporting activities," said Mrs Wright.

"Advisory bodies such as the Pole Dance Community (PDC) are welcome; however they do not go far enough. They claim to hold members to a code of practice, but they also state the code does not need to be followed in all instances.

"This is blatantly pointless."

In February last year, Woodlands Primary School in Gillingham made national headlines after hiring out its hall for pole-dancing lessons.

However, head teacher Nick Fiddaman told KOS Media at the time that the children had no involvement in the classes.



FITNESS BENEFITS:
Needs regulation
say campaigners

Maternity services move raised at Westminster

THE Maidstone maternity services row has gone all the way to Westminster as the borough's MP sparked a political debate.

Helen Grant MP, who has heavily criticised plans to move Maidstone's birthing services to Pembury Hospital in Tunbridge Wells, brought the issue to the national stage last week.

The proposed move would see all

consultant-led maternity services go from the Maidstone Hospital, leaving it with a small midwife-led unit.

In the Westminster Hall debate, Mrs Grant said: "That means that each year, 2,000 women will be put at greater risk, with potentially lethal consequences. We are not resistant to change and we have no hidden agenda. We simply want to retain our

existing services, and maintain genuine, safe choices for our community."

One of the main concerns residents have is the distance and travel time for expectant mothers.

At a meeting last week, a number of mothers told of their fears that waiting in traffic queues on the way to Pembury could result in babies being born in the ambulance, fur-

ther complications or even fatalities.

But the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust released figures of the time it took ambulances to get from Maidstone to Pembury Hospital during 100 visits last year. On average, the South East Coast Ambulance Service journey took just under 24 minutes, with the quickest being 18.3 minutes in September, 2009.

The trust is also telling mothers that they do not have to travel to Pembury, with maternity units at Ashford and Medway Hospitals.

Chief executive of NHS West Kent, Steve Phoenix, said: "We want to reassure mums-to-be that the changes to services will be safe."

A report will be handed to health secretary, Andrew Lansley, this month.



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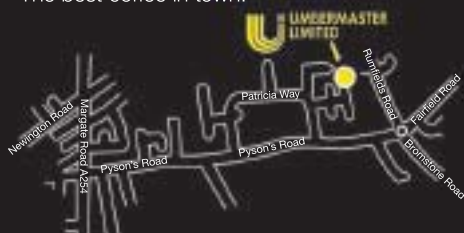
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TV's Dr Jones' healthy laugh

GP and television personality Dr Hilary Jones was one of the medical experts speaking to more than 250 practice nurses from across Kent and Medway at a two-day conference in Ashford.

High on the agenda were Government's controversial proposals for new GP commissioning consortia.

Daybreak presenter Dr Jones spoke about his experiences of dealing with stress management and said he believed that laughter was the best medicine for dealing with stress.

The conference was organised by Kent and Medway GP staff training team, practice nurse advisors from NHS West Kent and senior practice nurses from across the county.

Prickly friends in your garden

A QUARTER of Kent gardens are regularly visited by hedgehogs, according to the RSPB's Make Your Nature Count survey.

Some 3,152 people took part in this year's summer wildlife survey, counting the birds and mammals in their gardens.

Five per cent of participants recorded seeing evidence of moles.

The survey showed the blackbird is still the most frequent visitor, recorded in over 90 per cent of Kent gardens, followed by the collared dove in 83 per cent.

The wood pigeon takes third place in 81 per cent of gardens.

Next year's Make Your Nature Count will take place from June 4-12.

For more information on attracting wildlife to your garden, visit www.rspb.org.uk/hfw.

Experts want fast-food ban near schools

By **MARIJKE COX**

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FAST-food outlets could be forced to stop operating near schools in a bid to tackle obesity rates.

The plan by Medway Council forms part of a drastic new strategy encouraging children and young people to follow a healthy diet after figures revealed one in five year six pupils, aged 10-11, is obese.

The rate of obesity for the age group was 19.4 per cent for 2008-09, where the national average was 18.3 per cent.

With reception pupils, aged four to five, the rate of obesity was 11.7 per cent – almost two per cent higher than the national average.

The figures have pushed the council and NHS Medway to devise a strategy aimed at tackling the problem, with the banning of fast-food outlets near schools, leisure centres and parks as one of the steps.

Plans are to be outlined in a report due to be unveiled to cabinet members on Tuesday.

A spokesman said: "Medway Council and NHS Medway are committed to ensuring all

children have a healthy start in life. We are looking into the feasibility of producing a supplementary planning document that would restrict the development of new fast-food outlets near schools."

In the cabinet report, Rose Collinson, director of children and adult services at Medway, said the council wants to encourage and give young people the chance to make healthier choices.

"Obesity levels in Medway are higher than the English average at year six and reception year," she said.

Deprivation

"Healthy eating and the links to deprivation are contributions to this and we recognise that there is further work to be done to improve health outcomes.

"The current economic situation will have an impact, but we are determined to carry on with this work in order to reduce health inequalities across Medway."

She added: "I welcome this report and the opportunity to highlight the many activities and interventions that are available in Medway for children and young people who want to enjoy the benefits of a healthier lifestyle."

A research group behind the report looked at examples of healthy eating, including community allotment projects and the infant feeding programme seen at children's centres and through health vis-



DOUBLE TROUBLE: Childhood obesity rates in Medway are causing concern

iting services. It praised school meal provision and highlighted the need to promote free school meals through tasting sessions for eligible children.

The report also recommended improved dining and catering facilities for new schools, including food technology provision.

Rehman Chishti, Gillingham and Rainham MP, welcomed the report. He said: "The health of young people in Medway is extremely important.

"We all have a part to play. I believe health policies combined with the dedicated work of voluntary sports clubs and the impact of London 2012 will make a big difference."

Another key point outlined in the report was the importance of breastfeeding in reducing excess weight in later life.

NHS Medway's health improvement strategic change group was recommended to provide support relating to breastfeeding, weaning and healthy eating for young children.

The report by Medway Council follows Kent County Council's Healthy Weight Strategy, which was voted through by councillors after figures revealed 20-25 per cent of the county's population is obese.

The strategy includes helping people recognise their weight issues at an earlier stage, better promotion of healthier food choices and the creation of incentives for better health.



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Uni freshers defer over digs shortage

STUDENTS looking forward to starting university have been forced to defer their courses for a year after record demand for degree places caused a shortfall in accommodation.

Some 200 first years who selected the University of Kent as their second or 'insurance' choice, as well as those who managed to secure a place through clearing, are faced with finding off-campus housing and privately let rooms in a Japanese college – if there is any space left.

But the struggle has pushed some to take the drastic step of deferring entry, to return in September, 2011, to take up their place.

The university said it would guarantee accommodation next year for those who chose to take a gap year, and even promised unconditional offers.

New students, known as freshers, usually live on campus in halls of residence for the first year while they find their feet.

But 250 extra clearing places and a four per cent decrease in the number of students choosing to live at home has meant many missing out.

Samantha Kennedy, vice-president for welfare at the university's students union, said: "I've spoken to people who have chosen to defer because of what's happened. People are very upset. We're advising them to look off campus and to get on student housing lists.

"There may be some houses where a student has moved out and people need someone to move in so they can pay the rent."

Problems follow a massive increase in the

number of applications, where the University of Kent at Canterbury saw a 24 per cent rise in applications on 2009, double the national average of 12 per cent.

Admissions officers said there were 4,500 places available, with 30,000 applications. Government said it would provide an extra 10,000 places to universities across the UK which could make successful bids.

Kent was given 250 extra for clearing on top of its normal 100-150. For these students the university did not have to guarantee accommodation.

A spokesman said: "We are also offering on-campus accommodation at Canterbury to those students who wish to defer entry to Kent until 2011 and have assured them they will remain on the current tuition fee regime. Those still looking for accommodation have been placed on a waiting list according to the date Kent had become their first choice institution and all the conditions of offer were fulfilled."

The spokesman said that despite the unprecedented demand for degree places, Kent had been able to offer on-campus accommodation at Canterbury to all those who chose the university as their first choice and who applied for a room by July 31, 2010.

"However, this year, we are unable to extend this offer to those who selected Kent as an insurance choice and those who applied through clearing," he said.

The university is in the process of building extra on-campus accommodation for 495 students for next year.

Career guidance cuts 'ludicrous'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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Youth advice service budget to be slashed

SLASHING £2 million from the budget of Kent's career guidance service will be like "asking soldiers to fight with rocks instead of guns".

Kent County Council is planning to cut the £12.4m Connexions grant by 16 per cent next year, but Unison regional organiser Simon Bolton says such a reduction will be devastating for less academic youngsters struggling to find work.

This year's funding is protected by the dedicated schools grant reserve, but the service will seek to tackle the cuts for 2011-12 through

natural wastage, voluntary redundancies and flexible hours.

Mr Bolton said: "At a time when young people in Kent need more support to find the few jobs out there, the support that already exists is being cut. Connexions is a reasonable service. There are always improvements that can be made, but the idea you'll make anything better by chopping 16 per cent off is ludicrous."

"It's like telling soldiers they can't fire their weapons after 10pm because of budget cuts, and they'll have to throw rocks at the enemy instead. We appear to have gone back to the 1980s when the government chopped every-

thing that moved, and look where that got us. Parts of Kent are still struggling to recover."

Last month KOS Media revealed how Connexions' independent Medway branch – Medway Youth Trust – had lost £100,000 from its £2.1m budget this year, resulting in recruitment and salary freezes as well as other cuts.

The wider Kent branch has regional offices in 11 towns, offering advice on subjects including education, training, health and money.

Former chief executive Gordon Bernard told staff of the proposed cutbacks in a farewell letter sent the day before his retirement.

He wrote: "No employer likes to lose staff

against its will and our charity will do the maximum we can to minimise this. If it is unavoidable, it will be very few posts and there will be clear and public criteria on how any redundancy will work. It is clear we will be able to achieve less in future because of this reduction. Since we are a service which has always put most of our funding into frontline staff, any loss will have a real impact."

Mr Bernard described it as an "unfortunate coincidence" that he was announcing the proposed cuts the day before his retirement. He has since been replaced by Sean Kearns.

"There is no question that, if I had remained in post, it would have made no difference to what we face," Mr Bernard wrote. "These events are out of our control."

"Government has cut funding to KCC and it has passed on a share of the pain. That will not stop the board negotiating strongly on the final contract sums and what we deliver."

Connexions will learn the full scale of the cuts when the findings of the comprehensive spending review are published on October 20.

Should it be asked to deliver savings of 16 per cent, it will still be lower than the 50 per cent and 33 per cent cuts experienced this year in Norfolk and Brighton respectively.

Cabinet member for children Cllr Sarah Hohler said: "KCC, as with every local authority, faces reduced funding over the coming years. Discussions have begun about future funding of the service, and it is expected there will be some reduction in funding from 2011."

"Both KCC and Connexions will be seeking, where possible, to preserve continuity of services and to maintain the best possible outcomes for Kent's young people."

TV star Tish's church showcase



GREAT VOICE: Tish Potter

HOLBY City star Tish Potter isn't just a pretty face in a TV hospital drama, she's also an acclaimed singer in great demand for celebrity weddings.

And now she is putting on a concert so the rest of us can enjoy her talents. The show will be on Saturday, October 9, at the parish church of Boughton-under-Blean, near Faversham.

It will be an unusual show as it features songs she plays at weddings. Tish, 35, is known to millions as Victoria in Brookside and Diane in Holby City. She has also appeared on cinema screens in

Shakespeare in Love, and on stage, and has sung in musical theatre, cabaret, jazz gigs and weddings. The actress was recently featured in Hello! magazine singing at the wedding of Holby City actress Tina Hobley.

Tish grew up on a farm at nearby Molash, where her parents still live. Stuart Neame, who often accompanies her wedding performances, said: "Tish has a fabulous voice and never fails to delight her audiences."

The pair hope the concert will also serve as a taster for brides so they know what to expect if they

want to book them for their own wedding. Stuart will accompany Tish on the newly-refurbished Boughton organ, playing new arrangements he has based on Ella Fitzgerald's big-band recordings.

Other songs include numbers by the Beatles, U2 and Procol Harum, and the finale will be a traditional favourite, Widor's Toccata.

The concert starts at 7pm and tickets (£10 adults, £5 children, including light refreshments) are on sale at Boughton Post Office, the Fleur de Lis tourist information centre in Faversham, or from Judy Collins on 01227 751742.

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Part of town's rich heritage protected

AN HISTORIC building in Sevenoaks has been saved from demolition after council chiefs stepped in.

Godwins, in Blackhall Lane, Sevenoaks, is described as a "1930s arts and crafts style dwelling" and considered to be of "local historic importance".

Its importance was underlined by being included in the proposed extension to the Wildernesse Conservation Area – currently being considered by the council – a move which would safeguard the building for the future.

But after its owner applied to knock the building down, the council responded to concerns raised by residents by serving a notice to protect it.

As a conservation area is not likely to be formalised until the end of year, the council served an Article 4 Direction notice last Wednesday, which removes the owner's rights to demolish the dwelling without first gaining planning permission.

MS awareness gig

A CHARITY concert is being held in aid of the Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

Matthew Lombart and friends will be performing at Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Canterbury, at 4pm on Sunday, October 3.

Entry is free but donations can be made on the door. Call 01222 479337 for more information.

'No' to trade unions

THE MAJORITY of people who voted in an online poll at kentnews.co.uk believe trade unions are not right to fight the Government's cuts programme.

Less than half – 45 per cent – offered their backing to trade unions.

Exhibition celebration of ethnic minority's efforts for Britain's Armed Forces

Men and women who stood with us in our hour of need

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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HEROIC contributions of ethnic minority soldiers are being celebrated with a multimedia exhibition in the run-up to Black History Month.

Generations of men and women from Africa, Asia, the West Indies and other Commonwealth countries have served alongside British forces for more than 250 years, but their sacrifices have been largely forgotten.

However, the Ministry of Defence aims to right these wrongs with its We Were There exhibition, which runs until October 7 at the Royal Engineers Museum in Gillingham.

"The historical truth is that we had forgotten them," said MoD spokesman Chris Williams.

"People from the different parts of the Commonwealth and the then-Empire were represented in great numbers during World War Two, including 2.5 million volunteers – staggering numbers and largely, to our shame, forgotten.

"They have fought on our side and that extends through to today, so we have built on that and found out about their stories."

The We Were There exhibition, which includes biographies, artwork and photographs of the likes of former Women's Auxiliary Air Force member Lilian Bader, opened last week.

Yvonne Wilson, chairwoman of Medway's



Picture: IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



SACRIFICES: Women's Auxiliary Airforce member Lilian Bader, Jamaican nurse Mary Seacole and Indian cyclists at the cross-roads on the Fricourt-Mametz road during World War One



Picture: IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Black History Month steering group, said she hoped young people from the black and ethnic minority (BME) community would be inspired by the role models of the past.

"It's more about the people involved in the wars than the wars themselves," she added.

"There are biographies on people like Mary Seacole, a Jamaican nurse who treated soldiers in the Crimean War. Everyone knows who Florence Nightingale is, but not many people have heard of Mary before.

"Our history is a shared one, and that's a powerful way of showing how people from different backgrounds have always stood side-by-side and shoulder-to-shoulder.

"If people have an opportunity to see that when it comes to something like defence, it

allows them to reflect on who their neighbours are and what their backgrounds are.

"There are a lot of similarities between us that we should try to promote."

Black History Month is being celebrated in Kent with a range of activities and events throughout the county, including creative writing workshops for children, Ghanaian drumming, and South African gumboot dancing.

The first major attraction after We Were There is an exhibition tracing the history of black people in Medway, which will be held at MidKent College, Gillingham, from October 4-8.

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'Pupils are not labelled special needs to push county up school league table'

By **MARIJKE COX**

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EDUCATION chiefs at County Hall have rebuffed claims by Ofsted that children are being 'over-identified' with special educational needs to boost Kent's standing in league tables.

Kent County Council was one of 22 local authorities visited by inspectors between May, 2009, and March, 2010, as part of a major review into special educational needs (SEN) and disability arrangements by local authorities.

Assessments were also carried out at 11 Kent schools, including secondaries, primaries and nurseries.

Ofsted was unable to give a breakdown of individual local authority findings, but the report found overall that up to 25 per cent of the 1.7 million pupils in England with SEN would not be labelled as such if schools focused more on improving teaching and pastoral support.

Potential

Inspectors also accused some education providers of over-identifying students with SEN in the hope the larger number would help boost league table scores which focused on progress.

But education chiefs at KCC said there were no cases of this kind in Kent and stressed the authority had always supported the view that teaching, learning and pastoral care should be of the highest quality to ensure pupils developed to their maximum potential.

A spokesman said: "KCC does not have a bespoke formal report from Ofsted,

however, there was some very positive informal feedback.

"These included a strong and listened-to parental voice, very strong early years support and a clear link on assessment of the needs of children and young people with SEN and their achievements.

"They also said KCC had good information on the progress of children and young people with SEN and effective support for those with complex needs."

Figures taken from the council's Summer School Census in May 2010 showed out of 203,134 Kent pupils, including early years, 29,937 were under School Action and 15,859 under School Action Plus.

School Action is the first school-based stage of the SEN process where there is evidence a child is not progressing and needs extra help.

School Action Plus is where, if a child is still not making progress, external support can be sought and an individual education plan is developed.

The number of pupils with SEN statements requiring specialist unit provision, rather than mainstream school teaching, rose by more than 25 per cent between 2005 to 2010 to 1,221.

Those with statements at mainstream schools, however, dropped by 55 per cent from 2,971 to 1,314 meaning overall the number of statemented pupils reduced by 36 per cent to 1,407 in the past five years.

But pupils in maintained special schools rose by 17 per cent from 2,355 in 2005 to 2,749 in 2010.

Ofsted's report recommended that schools focus on evaluating the quality and effectiveness of services for children with SEN.

Christine Gilbert, Ofsted chief inspector, said although there was excellent support and a huge investment of resources, overall there needed to be a shift in education in the UK.

She said: "With over one in five children of school age in England identified as having special educational needs, it is vitally important that both the way they are identified and the support they receive, work in the best interests of the child involved."



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Aussie gold hunters take school for base

AUSTRALIA'S Olympic athletics team will base themselves in Kent ahead of the London 2012 Games after agreeing a deal to train at Tonbridge School.

The official signing of the memorandum of understanding took place at the school on Tuesday, with Athletics Australia president Rob Fildes and high performance director Eric Hollingsworth in attendance.

Kent has now agreed more deals to host Olympic nations than any other county in the UK, with teams from Belarus, Ukraine and Slovenia also due to train in Kent before the 2012 Games.

Double Olympic gold-medallist Dame Kelly Holmes was present at signing, as was Lord Moynehan, chairman of the British Olympic Association.

Berlin the final leg for marathon man

A CHARITY worker is preparing for the final leg of a gruelling five run challenge after completing three-and-a-half marathons.

Antony Masters, PR and marketing executive for BMI The Chaucer Hospital in Canterbury, is raising money for Kent Air Ambulance by completing five of the world's toughest runs.

The 36-year-old completed the Great North Run last Sunday, and has also done marathons in New York, Barcelona and Brighton.

This week he travelled to Germany for Sunday's Berlin marathon as the last leg of his five run challenge.

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Using one national supplier 'makes no economic sense'

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A TORY MP has locked horns with his own party over the use of an international food supplier for Kent's prisons.

Gordon Henderson, who won the Sittingbourne and Sheppey seat in May, sparked a Parliamentary debate with prisons minister Crispin Blunt over the need to support local businesses.

It led to Labour criticism of Mr Blunt, who used the example of an undersized apple to suggest a national supplier was needed to ensure consistency and avoid prison riots.

During the debate, Mr Henderson called on the Government to purchase locally-produced goods where possible for jails and not to renew the current multi-national supplier's contract when it expires next year.

In 2007, Labour scrapped local supply contracts in Kent to bring in a national deal for every prison to use 3663 First for Foodservice, which is part of a company based in South Africa. It also has a base in Edenbridge.

For suppliers in the county it meant big financial losses. Brambledown Ltd, one of the main suppliers, saw its annual prison service income drop from £345,000 in 2004, to £375 in 2008.

Mr Henderson said: "I would have understood the logic of the previous Government changing their procurement policy if such a move was designed to save taxpayers' money.

"But in the two years prior to the changeover, the average annual cost to the public purse for the provision of fresh produce to prisons was £8.7 million, whereas after the changeover it was just over £9m.

"I have spoken to a number of prison governors and they have confirmed that the service and quality of food have not improved under the national procurement regime and prisons have lost their much-valued link with local suppliers."

Mr Henderson said British farmers had also been affected by the changeover, due to cheaper foreign produce.

"It might be that buying French Golden Delicious apples instead of Braeburn apples from Kent is superficially advantageous," he said. "However, when one considers the harm being done to British farmers by this policy, and the impact that transporting fruit and vegetables over long distances in chilled containers has on our carbon footprint, buying local produce starts to make an awful lot more sense."

Craig Condon, director of Brambledown Ltd in Sheerness, which supplied Rochester,

Prisons riot fear at core of apple dispute



LOGICAL: MP Gordon Henderson backs local farmers' bid to win back prison contracts

Maidstone, Cookham Wood jails, and the Sheppey prison cluster of Elmley, Standford Hill and Swaleside, said the change had a big impact on turnover.

"The prison contract was a very big order for us, and we'd also just bought special vehicles to fit through the jail gates," he said.

"We provided an excellent service and by using us, money was being put back into the local economy."

Undersize

Brambledown Ltd was invited to put in a tender for the new contract in 2007, but it was to supply all UK prisons – impossible for a smaller local supplier.

"We were told we could put in a bid, but that we wouldn't get the contract," said Mr Condon.

"I would like to see the Government using English growers, and if we can't get back

contracts for prisons, then I would be happy to supply 3663 with local produce."

During the debate Mr Blunt, who admitted he would prefer if things were locally managed, said reasons for using one national company were to ensure consistency and security. With one supplier there would not be numerous deliveries through open gates.

"An undersize apple handed out at the servery will create issues of order and control," he said.

Mr Blunt also stressed the current provider was meeting strict standards.

He added: "It is worth remembering that discontent about the quality of food, changes to menus and failure to deliver what was previously promised have been known to be the catalyst for serious disturbances," he said.

Mr Blunt said, however, the issue of food in prisons would be re-examined.



PERFECT: Storage issues are resolved

Fruit grower finds the Holy Grail of pears

PEAR lovers missing out on their favourite fruit every summer will no longer have to wait, after a breakthrough in storage technology signalled the end of the season's drought.

Historically, English pears – considered by fruit experts to be the best in the world – were on sale between September and May, meaning only imported out-of-season fruit was available for the remaining months.

But growers at Adrian Scripps Ltd, in Gravesend, decided to invest in a state-of-the-art storage centre so people could buy home-grown pears all year round for the first time ever.

A three-month trial with Tesco revealed there was a high demand for the fruit in the summer months and the food giant has now agreed to sell English pears all year.

Adrian Scripps Ltd, which is the super-market chain's biggest pear supplier, spent £60,000 on the new technology.

It monitors the pears for perfection from the moment they are picked to when they are brought to supermarkets.

James Simpson, managing director of the company, said the new system had allowed the grower to refine the storage process.

It involves the pears being checked for firmness and sugar levels while they are still on the tree, to make sure they are at their optimum level for storage.

Mr Simpson said: "We test the pears for sugar content, fruit firmness and starch levels three or four times a week while they are still on the tree, before sending them to be stored."

Breakthrough

"Once harvested, by hand, the pears are rapidly cooled, taking off their 'field heat' in under 48 hours before being placed in large 400kg bins with plastic lids which help retain the moisture during storage."

To stop the pears freezing, new monitoring equipment, including CCTV, has been brought in.

Conference pears – the most popular pear grown in Britain – stored under the new conditions were trialled at Tesco stores over three months to see if there was a demand.

David Croxson, pear buyer for the food giant, said they proved such a success the supermarket will now exclusively stock English pears throughout the year.

"Achieving year-round availability for UK-grown pears has long been the Holy Grail for our home pear industry," he said.

"It's never been done on a commercial scale because the cost of the precision machinery needed to keep vast amounts of pears suitably chilled during storage has been prohibitive."

"But this major breakthrough by one English grower will send out a positive signal to the rest of the pear industry to show it can be done."

"And it will allow UK retailers to cut down on importing out-of-season pears from Holland and Spain."

Vote for your favourite as county's top producers compete for awards

THIS year's Taste of Kent Awards have been launched to find the county's best food and drink producers, *writes Chris Murphy*.

The awards, backed by KOS Media, are now in their sixth year.

They recognise the county's food and drink heroes, and provide everyone with a unique opportunity to hand-pick and vote for their favourite food and drink producers, retailers, restaurants, pubs and farmers' markets.

The awards are run by Produced in Kent, which champions Kent's food and drink producers. Manager Julie Monkman said: "Last year's competition clearly hit the right flavour with the general public, as voting leapt to more than 10,000 votes, smashing all previous records."

"We saw an incredible 89 per cent increase in votes from the general public, and consumers nominated over 680 food and drink businesses and products in the county."

"This was an impressive 50 per cent increase on the previous year, and a clear



indication that the people of Kent really care about food and drink in the Garden of England."

Keeping up with the constant evolution of food products, this year's competition has seen some tweaking with the categories to keep up with developments.

Six of them have been re-branded to reflect the changes in food and drink retailing, production and dining out.

They include Kent Meat Retailer, Best Kentish Brewery, Best Kentish Vineyard, Best Kentish Cider Maker, Kent Artisan Food Producer, and Kent Dining Pub.

Ms Monkman said these new arrivals join established favourites including Kent Juice Producer, Kent Local Food Retailer, Kent Seafood Retailer, Kent Food Product, and

Kent Restaurant. The top three firms that secure the most public votes in the early stages get shortlisted and then go before a expert judging panel, including mystery shoppers and mystery diners in January, 2011.

The winners will be revealed at an awards ceremony at Leeds Castle on February 25.

The organisers said the awards have enjoyed so much success, that winning is now considered to be a major hallmark of quality, with many of the county's leading companies keen to support and sponsor the 12 categories.

Ms Monkman added: "The huge swell in voting last year is a clear indication that the county has taken the Taste of Kent Awards to its heart. The awards have become the ultimate accolade of excellence for the companies who win them."

You can vote for your favourite online at www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk before the closing date of January 3, or pick up a form at your nearest farmers' market.

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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Isle not braced for the influx

The 82,000 households in London at risk of losing their homes as a result of the Government's imminent cuts could well find their way to Thanet in search of cheaper housing. A survey of landlords by London councils suggests few will cut their rent for those who can no longer afford to pay. That could mean large numbers forced to find cheaper accommodation elsewhere.

The cuts will have an immediate impact on inner London boroughs which will become no-go areas for anyone on housing benefit. That could put pressure on Thanet's stretched housing supply, traditionally an area where Londoners seek cheaper housing. This would see thousands of incomers needing schools, public transport and other services. Changes to local housing allowance were announced in the June Budget. From next April, the maximum weekly rate payable will be capped at £250 for a one-bedroom home or £400 for a four-bedroom property. From October, 2011, the method of calculating the benefit will change, from the 50th percentile of the market to the 30th percentile, reducing the number of properties eligible. Many tenants will also lose out from the removal of a £15 weekly housing benefit 'excess' paid to those who find cheaper properties. The latest research undermines ministers' baseless assumption that landlords will lower rents to keep tenants.

I am extremely concerned that so many London landlords say they will evict tenants who fall into arrears, while some will stop renting to local housing allowance claimants altogether. This will not only make it even more difficult for claimants to find a place to live, it will add to the homelessness and overcrowding in London and on past evidence will result in many moving to Thanet, putting excess pressure on services that will be already severely stretched.

Despite warnings to both Thanet council and KCC, I have no confidence in their ability to influence Government over this. Artificially reducing support to the most vulnerable people is grossly unfair to them and will potentially add to huge housing shortage problems in Margate and Ramsgate.

Cllr David Green, Ramsgate

Tunnel vision over crossing

I winced when I read the story giving vent to the latest pronouncements of the 'go for growth' fraternity led by KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter. Talk about tunnel vision, or should it be third-crossing vision?

In congested north Kent it is obvious our road system is being strangled by the sheer weight of vehicle movements – commercial and domestic – which has largely been caused by piling in unsustainable levels of building, regardless of the environmental or social conse-

OPINION: A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Rumours of the Catholic Church's demise turned out to be greatly exaggerated after all, as Pope Benedict XVI's visit proved, says **GARY WRIGHT**

SO, POPE Benedict XVI and his entourage have gone home to the Vatican and it's business as usual in the newspapers and television news channels.

But I must say as an atheist I was actually quite impressed with the effect of his four-day visit.

The cop-out position of much of the media coverage was to mention how the Pope was German and had been in the Hitler Youth; how he had helped manage his child-abusing priests; how his attitude to condoms had helped ensure the spread of HIV in the Third World and – it seemed to me – remind the viewer at every opportunity (yes, stand up, BBC) how religion is probably pretty much out of date.

And on the eve of his arrival amid forecasts that there would be more protestors than adoring crowds, the media was gifted the Britain is 'like the Third World' jibe, thanks to Cardinal Kasper, who decided not to come after his comments were made public. (Gout, apparently).

But in the event it all went pretty well. The excellent Popemobile – built on a German Mercedes 4x4, not so much a caravanette conversion as a conservatory – meant the adoring crowds did get to see him.

And sure enough there were big crowds – and it wasn't old folk either. There were lots and lots of young, intelligent people who made, very often, long journeys to see Papa Ratz (genius headline – I also rather liked the question whether the Pope had ever thought of using the nickname 'Eggs').

By the time he'd sipped Fanta with the Queen and popped in on the Archbishop of Canterbury, the 83-year-old pontiff was making a real impact.

He praised our Battle of Britain heroes and our country for its historic stand against the Nazi threat, and even managed to give an apology for the actions of his priests in the past.

I rather liked one of the more sympathetic observers who questioned what was so wrong in

today's confused and divided world with people looking to church leaders (and they don't come any bigger than the Pope) for some moral certainty.

What is wrong with a view that gives something positive to look toward if it helps people live their lives?

Perhaps the Church of England's own leader Dr Rowan Williams should be a little more committed to the cause rather than looking to be all-inclusive.

He might want to stop trying to 'make religion relevant for people today' who still won't care, and he should stick with what he knows.

A firm line and a clear set of principles will remain attractive to millions and I wouldn't mind guessing that the Roman Catholic Church pulled in a few new members last week and prompted many more lapsed Catholics to pop along to confession.

And I would imagine those people far outweighed those who noisily rejected their faith in recent months because of its incidents of child abuse and failure to assist in the fight against Aids.

Far from heralding the collapse of the biggest Christian movement in the world that much of the popular TV coverage forecast in the run up to it, Pope Benedict XVI's visit served as a reminder that he has the weight of history on his side and we would be foolish to assume that 1.2 billion people have any intention of giving up the Hail Marys and the regular trips to the confession box.

• **Gary Wright is group editor of KOS Media's Yourlocal series of weekly newspapers.**



VISIT: Pope Benedict XVI



quences. Cllr Carter poses the question: "Just think what a third crossing could do for the region." Well, for starters, as its promoters are straining at the leash for, it will bring enormous pressure for building on both sides of the river.

Cllr Carter also claims a new crossing will reduce congestion, which is extremely doubtful, and bring more development to the Thames Gateway.

He forgets that what the Gateway strategy originally promoted was the regeneration of degraded urban areas while resisting the outward expansion of conurbations. What a third crossing will inevitably do is increase traffic growth, threaten more countryside and lower the environmental quality of the region.

David Murr, Gillingham

Closures and the disabled

I am writing to tell your readers about funding cuts to services for

disabled children and their families. I am a supporter of the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign, which recently published a report – Close to Crisis: Frontline Service Cuts for Disabled Children – highlighting concerns of parents and professionals over service closures for disabled children.

If any reader would like more information about Close to Crisis, visit info@edcm.org.uk.

John Temple, Maidstone

I can see wood for the trees

I often wonder what planet Thanet's councillors are on. If they think the Turner Contemporary and Dreamland in Margate will lead to a turnaround in fortunes, they really are in cloud cuckoo land.

What Margate needs is complete refurbishment of the town centre, derelict shopping areas and dilapidated buildings. What will visitors to the Turner think when they glance across the road and see so

many run-down buildings?

I would like to see the planting of more trees. Trees would soften the look of the place, make it look more Continental and interesting. We have just returned from Hythe, which has lovely tree-lined roads and a small square with trees, tables and seats. Many people were sitting and enjoying the setting. The only attraction Margate has is the beach (and the sight of the town in your rear-view mirror!)

Councillors need to get up to date with the 21st century – and bring Margate with them.

Rex Priggen, Westgate-on-Sea

Trade unions are essential

Regular correspondent C Russell of Ramsgate has had a go at trade unions. They clearly have never worked in a unionised profession or workplace or they'd know how vital to protecting workers' rights the union movement is.

Do they not know workers were



7/7 survivors have yet another fight

NO-ONE will forget the day four Islamic extremists boarded three tube trains and a London bus and blew themselves up.

Images of death and destruction followed for weeks after and the Government promised to take care of the survivors.

But five years on it's clear this promise is proving difficult to keep. Instead, victims suffering from post-traumatic stress or physical difficulties are faced with being stripped of the disability living allowance which pays for support in their daily lives.

We're not talking hundreds of pounds – the majority of survivors who claim this benefit receive just £20-40 a week and many of them still work, paying their taxes and contributing to society.

But the Government has decided to lump them in with all the people who have been claiming incapacity benefits for years instead of trying to find a job, and plans to reassess the survivors for eligibility.

These were innocent people who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and are trying to rebuild their lives with what little help they can get.

To take that from them would be offensive. We can all move on with our lives and pause briefly on 7/7 to pay tribute to the victims.

But the survivors bearing the physical and mental scars of that day still need help – and they shouldn't have to fight for it.

Bob kept laughing in the face of death

WHILE a deathbed is usually associated with tears of sadness, in the case of Bob Monkhouse they were combined with tears of laughter.

The comedian's best friend has revealed that the funnyman was cracking jokes right up until the moment he died.

Only a true comedy genius can find humour in the most sombre of moments.

transported to Australia in the 19th century for daring to get together to fight for better conditions?

In other countries unionists died for their principles of protecting workers and fighting for decent pay and a safe working environment. Equal pay for equal work was the result of union activity and everyone in work today had seen the benefits. In China, workers are regularly worked to exhaustion and have died due to the lack of union protection. I am proud I belonged to a union all my working life and feel C Russell has no idea what workers' struggles have been like.

Taxpayers should be proud that their funding has kept workers' protected in these difficult times.

Perhaps I could ask C Russell how they feel about the taxpayer funding the head of the Roman Catholic Church's visit to the UK to the tune of £12 million?

How do they feel about the children abused by nuns and priests?

That is taxpayers' money I feel angry about.

Harry Tomkinson, retired trade unionist, Chatham

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BIRTHS

ALLEN-JONES

Cheyenne and Craig of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Craiglee Junior Kenneth Apache Allen-Jones, born on 14th September 2010 at QEQM Hospital weighing 6lb 8oz. Our most beautiful and precious son.

CONNOR

Lee and Kelly of Herne are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Harrison Del Connor, on 10th September 2010 weighing 9lb 6oz. A new brother for Kayden.

CRAWFORD

Martin and Kylie of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Skylar Hillary Dolly, on 10th September 2010. The first granddaughter for April and Chris Eames and Anthony Crawford. A new niece for Nikita and Alex.

GADD

Rachel and Chris of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Lariah Louise Gadd, born on 4th September 2010 at QEQM Hospital. Mummy and Daddy's special little angel.

GRATTAN WILKINSON / SCHRENK

Lucy born on 8th September 2010 weighing 7lbs 6oz. Daughter of Gavin and Mirjam of Maidstone.

HOLDEN

Sam and Dawn are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alexander John Holden. Alex was born on 1st September 2010 weighing 9lb 2oz.

HURST

Max and Louise would like to announce the birth of their son Joseph Roger Roy Hurst on 8 September 2010, weighing 9lbs 12oz.

MAHER

Sheamus and Jo are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Caitlin Joyce Hei Yee, born on 18th August 2010, weighing 6lbs 1oz. A sister to Amy Mae Hei Ling.

MONAGHAN

Arin Carter Barry born on 1st September 2010, weighing 7lbs 2oz. Son to proud parents Barry and Jo-Ann Monaghan of Bearsted.

PALMER

Andy and Clair Palmer of River, Dover, celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter, Grace Naomi on 3rd September 2010.

REEKS

Sarah Tall and Stuart Reeks announce the birth of Alex Stuart Reeks, born 19th August 2010, weighing 7lb 11oz.

SHEPHERD

Nichola and Wayne Shepherd would like to announce the birth of their second child, Lauren Jayne, born on 3rd September 2010, weighing 8lbs 9ozs.

SINGH

Amrit and Ekta are pleased to announce the birth of their second son Armaan, on 10/09/2010 at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. A baby brother for Aaryan.

TWYMAN

Ross and Tracey are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Chloe Emma Twyman, born on the 7th September 2010.

VOUSDEN

Ian and Rachel are happy to announce the birth of their son Oliver Ethan Vousden, born on 3rd September 2010, weighing 8lbs 10oz.

WILLIAMS

Kevin and Lynsey Williams would like to announce the birth of their son Owen Francis John Williams,

born on the 14th August 2010 at 19.23pm, weighing 7lb. Mummy and Daddy would like to welcome Owen into his family, and love him very much.

DEATHS

FRISBY

Leslie Frisby of Folkestone, formerly of Gravesend, passed away peacefully after a long illness on 21st September 2010, aged 63.

GRISTWOOD

Ann Gristwood died peacefully after a painful illness. Will be sadly missed by her beloved companion Mr Cornelius Fox, her daughter Lynda, and grandson James. You are my sunshine.

LANE

Phyll, of Hythe, formerly of Croydon and Lingfield, died peacefully on 12th September 2010. Funeral has taken place.

SHERBORNE

Joan Doreen Sherborne died peacefully on September 19th 2010, aged 95 years. Funeral Service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 2pm on 1st of October.

The NHS Eastern and Kent Coast Primary Care Trust advises doctors to tell patients the reason for the urgency. However, as in my case, many doctors, in order not to alarm patients, give an ambiguous answer.

An urgent referral inevitably raises the possibility that something serious is suspected – namely cancer. Any hope by the patient that they are being over-imaginative is quashed by a confirmatory letter from any of the three hospitals under the Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Trust (Ashford, Canterbury and Margate), which states that the urgency is “to rule out the possibility of cancer”.

I have written to the trust about the insensitivity of this, but it maintains it is a perfectly reasonable letter to send.

Far more thought is given to the letter sent by two neighbouring NHS trusts under the same circumstance. No more than a normal confirmatory letter is sent, on the grounds it is sufficient to have told the patient when making the appointment by phone that the reason for the urgency is because their doctor wishes them to be seen within 10 days.

In order not to worry the patient, cancer isn't mentioned. Neither should it be, when statistics show over 91 per cent of those referred will be found not to have the disease.

MH Wise, Canterbury

God's will ignored

Reading the arguments for and against the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church, with the claims and counterclaims, I see everyone has missed the elephant in the room.

Some claim the Catholic Church to be Christian, others ask how a Christian Church can be so evil and corrupt, but nobody asks whether the Church actually lives up to Christ's standards and represents his ministry.

The argument on both sides hinges on whether the Catholic Church represents Christ on this earth. I have read and re-read Christ's ministry and I can't find where he told us to kill or torture our enemies. In fact, he said we should love our enemies.

He told us to stay apart from the world's systems and yet we've seen Pope Pius XII colluding with Hitler (aka as Hitler's Pope), causing even more deaths of innocent people.

In two world wars Catholics killed Catholics and there's still sectarian violence in Ireland, where the bishops refuse to condemn the killing. As for the attempt to hide the abuse scandal, can you imagine what Christ would have said about that?

The celibacy rule, which causes so much heartache, is based on a fallacy, as if you look at Matthew 8:4 you'll see Jesus saw Peter's mother-in-law. Wherever you go down the checklist of Christ against the Catholic Church, they fail again and again.

This includes other established and establishment religions.

This is not about innocent people making mistakes, it's about churches more interested in their own interests than God's will. People are being driven away from Christ, as in their ignorance they really think these corrupt churches represent Jesus.

A basic knowledge of Christ's ministry proves they don't.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Stay out of politics

Why on Earth doesn't the Archbishop of Canterbury keep to what he is trained for and leave the political problems to the Government?

So many times in the past, men of the cloth have interfered in politics and made matters much worse. If the immigrants have been proven to be illegal, they should be immediately deported, they have no right to stay.

We can't support any more. We have British-born people suffering with no jobs, no houses and a small amount of money for benefits. They are feeling let down since the doors were left open for all and sundry to come to our country.

It wouldn't be so bad if they worked and put some money back into the taxes, but they only seem to work for 16 hours, which does not affect their benefits. They end up with more money each week than a born-and-bred Brit, who has paid his/her taxes for years.

So many immigrants go home for holidays. We are supplementing this luxury with benefits, when many of us go years without a holiday. Is this fair?

So please, Archbishop of Canterbury, keep to what you are paid to do and leave the rest to our Government. This is not a church matter.

C Russell, Ramsgate

Dark side of milk

Readers who know something about the UK dairy industry will know that unwanted calves may be shot at birth and their mothers – exhausted by repeated pregnancies and almost constant milking – are slaughtered.

The trend in the dairy industry is towards intensification and “zero grazing”.

With this in mind, consumers may choose to buy products from New Zealand, where cows are kept at pasture.

However, in recent weeks, some of the more grisly details of the industry have leaked out, including the forced abortion of calves 8-12 weeks prematurely by about half of New Zealand's dairy farmers. They say this is to maximise milk production.

Reports indicate that some of the calves are stillborn, while others are alive and left to die. Milk production has dark and disturbing secrets and is a world away from the wholesome image presented in adverts.

Kate Fowler, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Support for young

My brother has Type 1 diabetes so I know the impact it has on his life and how important it is to manage it.

But I've heard stories from children and young people about the emotional difficulties they deal with, which can make it harder for them to manage their condition. They say they've been teased, left out of things and bullied, all because they have diabetes.

It's hard enough being a teenager, then add to that the responsibilities of coping with diabetes, without having to be treated differently by school friends and adults. The emotional turmoil this can cause could also affect how well they manage their condition, which, if not treated properly, can lead to serious complications in later life.

There are some 20,000 children aged 15 and under with Type 1 diabetes in the UK, and it's thought another 2,000 children are diagnosed every year. Diabetes UK has written a Children's Charter, with a wishlist of 10 areas that could improve the experience for children with diabetes.

I urge readers to sign the Diabetes UK petition, calling for more support for children and young people, at www.diabetes.org.uk/childrenscharter

Melanie C, (singer and former Spice Girl), Diabetes UK

So quick to judge

Last week, rumours spread about the Conservative Party backtracking on the coalition agreement to end the detention of children.

The coalition's commitment to end child detention was a significant victory for the Liberal Democrats, who have long campaigned on this issue. Our commitment is watertight and the coalition is already looking at ways it can fulfil the promise.

As we are talking about the safety of often vulnerable children, it would be in no-one's interest to rush through changes.

I think it was unseemly that Labour MPs were so judgemental so early. Perhaps they are desperate for people to forget it was them who locked these children up.

Catherine Bearder, Liberal Democrat MEP for South East England

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Isle lacking pride

Good for Whitstable and its independent shops – I wish our council and residents had fought to stop the ruination of Thanet.

Whitstable hasn't got a fast food shop every 50 yards. That is the down side of Thanet – cartons and rubbish everywhere. It has brought down the tone of the whole isle.

People in Whitstable have pride in their area, something we seem to lack.

All we have is food shops. No wonder so many Thanet people are obese. All you see is people stuffing their faces, smoking cigarettes and dropping chewing gum on pavements.

Dave Burt, Ramsgate

My circus mystery

I wonder if any readers can shed light on the following long-term mystery.

As a seven-year-old in the early summer of 1955, I was taken to see a small circus which visited Sevenoaks. This was described on posters as 'The Big Top Circus' and featured no animals, other than a few dogs. The memory that has stayed with me down the years is of seeing one of their caravans (a converted former single-decker bus) just outside the circus tent entrance.

The vehicle looked decidedly old-fashioned, although at the time, plenty of pre-war vehicles remained in normal service. This points to the vehicle dating from, probably, the late 1920s or very early 1930s.

This bus was of the rear-entrance type, and a man was cranking up a petrol generator just inside. He obviously succeeded just after we entered the tent, as the lights came on.

A while back I was looking at a website

about Dennis 'E' single-deckers operated by the Aldershot & District Traction Company. The rear view of one of these (with bodywork by Strachan & Brown) reminded me of what I had seen in 1955. I contacted the Aldershot & District Bus Group, but they were unable to shed any light on it.

One possible line of inquiry would be to ascertain where this circus had its yard and then make inquiries in that area. However, not even the Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain has a record of a circus trading as The Big Top Circus, although that organisation did suggest the 1950s was the end of the era of small circus operators.

They suggested two possibilities: the Raymer family circus which used to spend the summer at Ramsgate; and the Weight family circus based at Wittersham, and later at Grafty Green. The former has been eliminated, but I am getting nowhere on the Weight possibility.

Does anyone out there have any idea as to whether this could have been the Weight circus? Or could it have been another small operator? If so, where was it based? I have been told that the fact a separate generator was being used points to the bus being petrol-engined. Once diesel vehicles (from 1933-34 onwards) started being sold to fairground and circus operators, it was usual for a circus to use the bus engine and dynamo to generate current for circus lighting. It is quite possible that this vehicle may have been a Dennis 'E', although by 1955 it seems likely such a vehicle would have been replaced not long afterwards. Any help would be appreciated.

John Humphrey, Sevenoaks

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THE over-50s are being invited on a free silver surfer course which promises to teach them all they need to know about using the internet.

The Gravesham Borough Council-led eight-week programme, which takes place every Monday and Tuesday between 1-3pm, is being held at The Grand in Gravesham.

To find out more about the course and to register, contact Lauren Taylor or Christian Blanc at The Grand on 01474 320123. Alternatively, email lauren.taylor@gravesham.gov.uk or christian.blanc@gravesham.gov.uk.

Taster days are calling the tune

A MUSIC school has teamed up with Kent Adult Education to encourage more adults to get involved in making music.

Kent Music, which teaches all ages, is holding taster days for adults in Sevenoaks next month, with sessions in African drumming on October 2, 10am-1pm, costing £26; and a jazz taster on October 9, 10am-2pm, priced at £35.

Courses are also being held in Canterbury, with a keyboard taster session on September 29, 11am-noon, and electronic keyboard for beginners starting two weeks later.

Kent Music will also be running courses in classical guitar and folk guitar in January. For more details visit www.kent.gov.uk/adulted or call 0845 606 5606.

NEW courses ranging from belly-dancing to meditation are on offer at the Ashford Adult Education Centre.

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TWO apprentices have been commended for their work in Britain's biggest construction skills competition.

Tom Peck, from Bexley, took the SkillBuild 2010 gold medal in the 'built up felt roofing' category; and Samuel Matthews, from Faversham, scooped a WorldSkills silver medal in stonemasonry.

Mr Peck, 21, an apprentice for Capital Roofing and a student at the National Construction College, said: "It feels fantastic to be named as one of the UK's best trainees."

Mr Matthews, 24, who attends the Building Crafts College and works at Canterbury Cathedral, said: "Winning really helps to boost your confidence and I've made all those who supported me very proud."

Lilly the plumber's hands-on approach

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A YOUNG apprentice has been given the chance to bring a woman's touch to the typically male world of plumbing.

Lilly Godley-Miller, of Great Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, was taken on as a trainee plumber by Connaught Partnerships to work on reactive repairs at Town and Country Housing group properties.

Her job involves fitting cisterns, kitchens and toilets in tenanted homes across the county. She said: "The reaction from tenants when I turn up at their homes is great, especially from the older generation."

"They know to expect a plumber at a certain time so it can be a bit of a shock when I turn up. But after the initial surprise they seem to really like that there is a young, local woman doing the work."

The 18-year-old first considered learning a trade after finishing secondary school and enrolled in a City and Guilds course at West Kent College.

She said: "I've always been a hands-on person. We have a lot of tradespeople in our family – my dad is a bricklayer and I have uncles



APPRENTICE: plumber Lilly Godley-Miller

who are carpenters and roofers – but no plumbers, so I thought I'd have a go at that."

As the only girl on the course, Lilly admitted to being intimidated at first, but she successfully completed her City and Guilds, also gaining an A-level in the built environment.

From her first day with Connaught she was shadowing an experienced plumber and working in tenanted properties.

"It's a totally different ball game to what I was doing at college, but it is definitely good to put into practice what I learned," she said.

"There's lots of pressure to produce exceptional work, but that is understandable as it is someone else's home you are working in and they obviously want it to look nice."

"As a local girl I know what it means to people living in the area to have their homes improved and it is so satisfying to be part of the process."

The company said it was keen to show there were opportunities available and that plumbing is not just a male occupation.

Russell Folk, Connaught project manager, said: "Lilly has only been with us for a short while but she has already brought tremendous enthusiasm to the team."

"Her work has been excellent and her friendly approach has certainly been a big hit with tenants, so I have no doubts that if she carries on in this manner she can look forward to a very successful career."

For information about opportunities available, visit www.connaught.plc.uk.

Young mums' apprenticeship chance

VULNERABLE young people are to benefit from a new apprenticeship scheme being piloted by Kent County Council.

The project will give teenagers the opportunity to carry out a year's paid work experience to help them improve their career prospects. It is aimed specifically at supporting young parents, offenders, those who have left care and people with disabilities and mental health problems.

Single mother Kandice, 20, is the first person to have signed up to the scheme, and this week began her apprenticeship at Howletts wild animal park at Bokesbourne, near Canterbury.

The animal lover said she thought having a son with no friends or family to support her had put paid to any career ambitions.

"I was bored, did nothing every day and

hardly had any money," she said. "I lost all confidence in myself and didn't think I'd do anything with my life. I thought, 'I'm bored and this is what my life is going to be like now because I'm a mum'."

Kandice's dream job as a child was to work with lions and tigers and to be a conservationist, so one of her first jobs at Howletts was to feed the big cats.

"It's the best thing that has ever happened to me because it has made all my dreams come true," she said. "I can go home to my son and I have done something with my life – something to make everyone proud of me."

"People like me just need to believe in themselves and go for it. If you really want to do something then you will."

Because employers are less likely to offer apprenticeships to troubled youngsters, KCC

pays their wages of £105 per week through the Kent Success scheme.

Support is also offered to employers by way of the South East Apprenticeship Company, which acts as the apprentice's line manager and also takes responsibility for administration and paperwork. There are 80 places on offer, of which 20 will be at KCC itself.

Cabinet member for community services Cllr Mike Hill said: "This scheme will give a real taste of being in the workplace and we are determined to make a difference to the lives of these young people who are finding it particularly difficult to get a job."

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PENT VALLEY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE REQUIRE

MOTOR VEHICLE INSTRUCTOR

Salary: Dependent on experience

This is an exciting opportunity to help lead and develop this new initiative which had its first student intake in September 2010. The motor vehicle centre which has just opened is state of the art with brand new equipment including 2 vehicle lifts, an ICT lab, wheel balancing and a workshop, a storeroom and a classroom.

The successful candidate will be an individual who has experience of teaching within this sector and who has a vision as to how Pent Valley Technology College can provide real life applied learning experiences for its students in the motor vehicle industry.

Good interpersonal skills are extremely important. This position is suitable for an energetic person who enjoys being with teenagers and can cope with a busy learning environment.

CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Hours: Flexible

Salary: Kent Scheme 7 (£20,262-£23,053 pro rata per annum)

Responsible to: Chair of Governors

We are seeking a confident individual to provide clerical support to our school's governing body. You will need good listening, literacy, communication and organisational skills. You will be working from home and school for a minimum of 2 hours per week rising to 12/15 hours per week during busy periods; therefore you will need to be very flexible. Your duties will include arranging meetings, agendas and taking minutes. You will be responsible for keeping mandatory records up to date, receiving and circulating correspondence plus other administrative and clerking duties as required.

Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Contact: Miss S Spratley
Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218

Closing Date: 23rd September 2010

Interviews: to be confirmed



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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

Assistant Project Manager

Ref: APM01

Salary: c£25k (dependent on qualifications and experience), Maidstone

MidKent College has identified an exciting opportunity for an Assistant Project Manager to play a lead role in the development of its Maidstone Campus, a £20m project including significant refurbishment and new build. With an engineering/construction background, and a sound knowledge of Prince2 and MS Project, the ideal candidate will be a graduate with 2-3 years experience looking to broaden his/her career portfolio.

Responsible to the College Assistant Project Director, as the key point of contact between the consultant project management design team and the College, the APM will be responsible for the preparation, collation and storage of all project data and for liaison with the PM team; curriculum staff and LA planners etc.

This is a full time position that demands enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to deliver an important project safely, and to time quality and cost. The initial contract is for 12 months, extendable to 2 years, for the right candidate.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 1 October 2010

MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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We are seeking an experienced administration assistant to join our highly successful and over-subscribed College, to work with and support a hardworking, dedicated and friendly team of professionals.

The successful applicant will possess excellent communication skills with the confidence and ability to deal with students, staff and parents. Good IT skills are needed as well as a flexible approach to working hours to meet the operational demands of the organisation. You should enjoy working as part of a team, be able to work using your own initiative and have a track record of being able to successfully handle a number of conflicting priorities simultaneously. Previous school experience is an advantage but not essential as full training will be given.

Please apply for an application pack via e-mail to:
lsimmons@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or in writing to Mrs L Simmons, School Bursar.
Visits to the College are encouraged.

Closing date: Friday 1st October 2010

Interviews to be held W/c 4th October 2010

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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

Lecturer in Hair

Ref: M0496

26 hours per week. Salary: £25,181 - £28,963 pro rata. Fixed Term Maternity Cover. Medway.

We have an exciting opportunity to recruit a passionate individual to teach, assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes. The applicant must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and should hold, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

Closing date: Friday 8 October 2010

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Medway Scale, Grade B2

£27,052 - £34,549 pro rata (37 hours per week – term time only)

Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and effective Speech and Language Therapist, with a professional, flexible approach and a good sense of humour. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting and who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential.

Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. Candidates should hold a relevant Speech and Language Therapy degree/qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed.

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount, and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):

Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3SP (01634 338236)

Please note CV's will not be accepted. Closing date: 8.10.10



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Senior Accounts Assistant

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
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FULL TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT
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House Administration Assistant

Westgate on Sea
Salary £14,099 - £16,793
To apply/more information: Ursuline College
JChristison@ursuline.org.uk
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Contracts Support

Maidstone outskirts
Salary c£23,000
Our client is looking for a candidate to support the Contracts Coordinator and the Tender Team in this demanding role. You will have previous experience in sourcing, circulating, completing and maintaining Tenders/PPQ's. Duties also include preparation of work schedules, compilation of daily productivity reports and booking road permits. You will have excellent communication skills, be a team player, work on your own initiative, have attention to detail, the ability to think creatively and write/tailor documents according to tender/PPQ requirements. Due to location own transport is essential.
To apply/more information: Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
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Head Receptionist

Exciting Opportunity to join Broome Park Country Club's dynamic Reception Team
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PARISH CLERK

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Starting in January 2011 the successful candidate will overlap with the present Clerk, who will take up the post of Responsible Financial Officer in April 2011. The new Clerk will be given support to work for the CILCA qualification.
Please visit the Council's website www.wyeparish.info or <http://www.wyeparish.info> for a job description, person specification and application details. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 15th October 2010. Interviews will take place on the evening of 2nd November 2010.

Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

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Catering, Hospitality

Chef

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Chef

Bexley Heath
Salary Salary Negotiable
Chefs and Waitstaff required for restaurant in Bexley Heath. Would suit someone looking to advance their career. Must have necessary qualifications.
For more information tel. Bobby 07790924436 or info@thebankrestaurantandbar.co.uk
To apply/more information: Bank Restaurant and Bar (The)
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Waitstaff

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Waiting Staff

Faversham
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Martin's Restaurant
Near Faversham require Part time waiting staff 2 or 3 sessions per week
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For more information please contact
Paul or Julie - Tel: 01227 750304
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Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to a restructure within the business, a fresh fish manager is now required at M&P Seafoods, Maidstone. Duties will include all areas of picking and preparation of wet fish, following company procedures, policies and current Health and Safety legislation. Experience is essential within the industry together with management skills in leading a small team.
For more information please contact Wayne on 01622 815100
To apply/more information: M & J Seafood
wtee@mjseafoods.co.uk
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Child Care

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Maidstone
Salary £7 per hour
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Experienced Hair Stylist

Folkestone & Tonbridge
Salary Salary Negotiable
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Require an experienced hair stylist for their salons in Tonbridge and Folkestone. Please call Tony Charlton for an interview 01732469949/01732770795
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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

Windows Software Engineer

Margate

Salary £39-45K
TV One Ltd is a leading UK manufacturer for Audio & Video conversion products for the Pro AV, Broadcast and Live Events markets.
We are looking for 4 candidates to work as part of a growing R&D team located in East Kent, primarily focused on High Definition video conversion systems based around our proprietary CORIO® technology.
Windows Software Engineer - £39-45K
Primarily responsible for the design and development of Windows & Web based technologies to control our range of video processing products. Key Skills: Fluent in Visual studio C# / Visual Basic; Experience of designing GUI's with timeline functionality; Web Development
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Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Waitstaff

Bexley Heath

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Activities Co-ordinator

Gillingham

Salary Salary Negotiable
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Awareness of naval traditions an advantage. Hours and salary discussed at interview, please call 01634 852431 for application form.
Closing date for applications 1st October 2010.
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Management, Senior Positions

R&D Manager

Margate

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R&D Manager - £49-55K + Benefits
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Workshop Controller

Folkestone

Salary Salary Negotiable
MOTOR TRADE
AFTERSALES OPPORTUNITIES AT KAP MOTOR GROUP Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestone branch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Workshop Controller We require the services of a qualified technician to run our busy multi franchise workshop. Previous experience in this role would be preferred but not essential, the successful candidate needs to be energetic, have good technical knowledge, be able to organise a very busy workshop, have basic IT skills and leadership qualities.
The successful applicants for the above positions will be working for a well established multi-franchise dealership, benefits include a generous remuneration package and a fantastic opportunity to further their career within the motor industry.
To apply please contact Lynda Brazier on 01303249656 or email lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.uk
Shorncliffe Motor Park, Ross Way, Folkestone CT20 3UJ
To apply/more information: KAP (Kent Auto Panels) Ltd lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.uk
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Service Advisor

Folkestone

Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestone branch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Service Advisor An experienced Service Advisor is needed for our busy front counter.
Experience in one of our franchises would be beneficial but not essential. The successful applicant must be able to work under pressure and have good people skills. The role includes

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Customer Care Assistant

Folkestone

Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestone branch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Customer Care Assistant This role involves maintaining our excellent customer satisfaction index, calling customers to book MOTs and services. Contacting customers after they have visited KAP to ensure they are happy with any work carried out by us and are completely satisfied. Running daily CSI and workshop diary reports. The successful applicant would need to have basic IT skills with a good knowledge of Excel, and have a good phone manner with an upbeat personality.
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Parts Assistant

Folkestone

Salary Salary Negotiable
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Parts Assistant This role requires sourcing and distribution of parts for our busy workshop and dealing with retail enquiries from the front parts counter. Ford experience would be a distinct advantage but not essential. The successful applicant would need to be hard working, honest and have some knowledge of the motor parts industry with the flexibility to work on weekends.
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Commercial Workshop Manager

Sheerness

Salary Salary Negotiable
Commercial Workshop Manager

Engineering Manager to take full responsibility for the day to day running of the engineering function which operates 24 hours each day. The successful applicant will have extensive workshop experience and an appropriate Automotive engineering qualification. Experience in the bus and coach industry is an advantage. You must be fully conversant with the appropriate VOSA and Health and Safety regulations and best practice. Also required, Bus and Coach fitters.
To apply for both positions, please send CV to either Mr Tim Lambkin, Travelmasters, Dorset Road, Industrial Estate, Sheerness, Kent. ME12 1LT Or by email to: Tim@travelmasters.co.uk
To apply/more information: Travelmasters
Tim@travel-masters.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Bus and Coach fitters

Sheerness

Salary Salary Negotiable
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LGV 1 Drivers x 10

Aylesford & Snodland

Salary £25K to £28K
LGV 1 Drivers x 10 required Full time/Permanent
Salaried positions are available on PM.s and Nights on a fixed shift pattern involving weekends.
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Work will involve primarily Supermarkets in Allington Aylesford and Snodland plus some general haulage. No nights out.
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To apply/more information: Mainstream Staff Supplies graham.knowles@recruitandtrain.com
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Not for profit, Charities

Accountant

Folkestone

Salary From £25k p.a.
Do you have the commitment to Folkestone's regeneration that we need at the heart of our organisation? Do you have the breadth of accountancy skills to thrive in a busy and varied environment?
The Creative Foundation organises arts festivals and manages a diverse portfolio through its charitable arm, and controls the trading arm which runs Quarterhouse, a multi-arts venue.
We need an experienced Accountant, at least part

qualified, to join our Finance Director and Accounts Assistant, to provide accounting support from basic input through to credit control and monthly management reporting.
For more information about our work, please see www.creativefoundation.org.uk rg.uk/job_opportunities1.html We have retained Year One Consulting to support this recruitment; you can call them on 01227 811 777 for an informal discussion.
Closing date: 12noon 1st October 2010 Interviews: w/c 11th October 2010
We welcome applicants from all sectors of the community.
To apply/more information: Creative Foundation nick@creativefoundation.org.uk
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Volunteers

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CALL NOW on 01843 866344 or email: homestart.thanet@tiscali.co.uk
Attention: Sharon
To apply/more information: Homestart - Broadstairs homestart.thanet@tiscali.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Senior Support Workers

Sidcup

Salary
Loring Hall
We look after people with Learning Difficulties and who may have challenging behaviours.
We are currently recruiting for the following:
Senior Support Workers
Support Workers
Waking Night Staff
If you have a passion for the role and the experience, call Colin Miller or Brendan Coll now! CRB checks necessary.
Loring Hall, 8 Water Lane, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5ES
Tel: 020 8302 9302 Email: loring@oakfields.net
To apply/more information: Oakfields Care loring@oakfields.net
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Qualified & Registered Nurses (Clinical Advisors)

Coxheath

Salary Band 5, £21,176 - £27,534 + 25% unsocial hour payment
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These roles will suit Nurses from a variety of backgrounds and would be ideal for those returning to work following a career break, recent nursing graduates or those wishing to move away from a traditional ward, community or outpatient environment. Consideration will be given to full or part-time hours.
For an informal discussion, please contact Daniel Garratt, Senior Distribution Manager on 07825 386491 or apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk
quoting reference 278-CLINADVISOR-0510-JT
Closing date: 18 November 2010.
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www.secamb.nhs.uk
To apply/more information: South East Coast Ambulance Service applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 278-CLINADVISOR-0510-JT

DEPUTY MANAGER

Romney Marsh

Salary Salary Negotiable
VACANCY FOR A DEPUTY MANAGER IN A CARE HOME REGISTERED FOR 29 YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM / ASPERGER'S SYNDROME
• Appropriate qualification essential: NVQ 4 in Care
Qualified preferred, however other relevant care related Qualifications considered.
• Minimum two years experience essential in a managerial position working with young adults with Learning Disabilities or Mental Health conditions.
• Driver essential.
Normal hours - Mon to Fri, (but some flexibility may be required to meet the needs of the service) plus on call.
Salary dependent on qualifications & experience £18,000-£22,000 p.a.
Closing date for application 1 October 2010 For an application form & job description please phone Jennifer on 01797 363550 The Springs Community, St. Mary's Bay, Kent
To apply/more information: Cygnat Health Ltd autism@thespringscommunity.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Paediatric Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Maidstone

Salary Salary Negotiable
Paediatric Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Five Acre Wood is a successful outward

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Senior Care Assistant

Faversham

Salary Salary Negotiable
Senior Care Assistant required to work in a residential home in Faversham for the elderly. Must have NVQ3 (or working towards) and 2 years experience at supervisory level. 35 to 40 hours on rota basis.
For further details please call 01795 532629
To apply/more information: Carmalea Residential Home eldercare@carmalea.com
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Care Co-ordinator

Ashford

Salary Salary Negotiable

Kimberley Stevens - tel: 0845 270 2881
Or alternatively email: kim@communitycareagency.co.uk
To apply/more information: Community Nursing & Care info@communitynursingcareagency.co.uk
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Children's Support Worker

East Kent Salary £21,519 - £27,849
Children's Support Worker - Sunlight Project, East Kent Full and part time considered • £21,519 - £27,849 plus Essential Car User Allowance of up to £1,239 (salary and benefits pro-rata for part time) KCA Young Persons' Services provide specialist substance misuse services for children, young people, their families and carers. The Sunlight Project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, offers support to children from substance misuse families in Swale, Dover, Thanet and Ashford. We require a support worker to deliver our group work programmes aimed at 7-13 year old children who are affected by

someone else's misuse of substances. The groups promote emotional and psychological well-being through structured sessions. The project works closely with Children's Social Services, schools and other children's services. You will need experience of working with vulnerable children and delivering group work interventions. Ideally you will also have a sound knowledge of substance misuse issues. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk, email recruitment@kca.org.uk or telephone 01795 590795 selecting option three. Please quote ref 709. Closing date: 1 October 2010 at 5.00pm. Interview date: 19 October 2010. KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity No: 292824 www.kca.org.uk
To apply/more information: KCA (UK) admin@kca.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 709

4 x Care Assistants Needed!!

Medway/Maidstone Salary £8 - £11.00 per hour (depending on shift times)
4 x Care Assistants Needed in the Medway and Maidstone Area.

We are a Multi-Award Winning Agency with a passion for both serving Clients and Candidates in a fair manner. You must be in receipt of either a qualification or a minimum of 2 years experience with working in Residential, Nursing, EMI homes or with Adults with Learning Difficulties. A Driving License is a bonus but not essential. The position requires thorough referencing and an enhanced police disclosure. Any offer of employment is subject to these being deemed satisfactory. Pay is between £8.00 and £11.00 per hour depending on shift times. Please indicate any interest by submitting your C.V. This advert has been placed by The Sense Partnership, part of Education Sense Ltd. To apply/more information: EducationSense@education-sense.com
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To apply/more information: George.Krajewski@sky.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

German Speaking Sales Executive

Maidstone Salary £20,000
Our client, an established manufacturing company, is looking for a new member of their sales team to increase sales in the German speaking markets. Telemarketing and Telesales form a large part of the role and you will need to be self motivating, professional and able to form successful client relationships. Other key elements of this exciting new position include handling incoming sales queries, sales activity management, samples

for trialling and constructing quotes. Full fluency in written and spoken German essential To apply/more information: Interpersonnel.jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1697

Parts Assistant

Folkestone Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestone branch we need to fill the following vacancies. Parts Assistant This role requires sourcing and distribution of parts for our busy workshop and dealing with retail enquiries from the front parts counter. Ford experience would be a distinct advantage but not essential. The successful applicant would need to be hard working, honest and have some knowledge of the motor parts industry with the flexibility to work on weekends. The successful applicants for the above positions will be working for a well established multi-franchise dealership, benefits include a generous remuneration package and a fantastic opportunity to further their career within the motor industry. To apply please contact Lynda Brazier on 01303 249656 or email lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.uk Shorncliffe Motor Park, Ross Way, Folkestone CT20 3UJ
To apply/more information: KAP (Kent Auto Panels) Ltd

lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

TRAINEE SALES PEOPLE

West Kent Black Tie Salaries Negotiable
BLACK TIE FOODS are looking for TRAINEE SALES PEOPLE in the West Kent area. If you are looking for excellent rates of pay and good prospects with full training provided, call us now on 0800 848 8507
To apply/more information: blacktie@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Demand Planner

West Kent Salary £28,000
A rare opportunity to work in a medium sized but fast moving subsidiary of a multi-national organisation. With a minimum of 3 years experience gained working as a demand/forecast planner within the FMCG environment you will have advanced excel and excellent communication skills. Knowledge of S&OP processes and long range forecasting is essential with knowledge of forecasting tools, resource planning software, SAP and Manugistics an advantage. French linguistic skills are desirable but not essential. To apply/more information: Interpersonnel.jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk

jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1700

Sales People

London & South East Salary Competitive
A superb opportunity has arisen to join one of the UK's leading maintenance and installers of access equipment. They have arguably the best reputation in the UK and pride themselves upon high quality and service. To build upon longstanding success they require a dynamic self motivated sales person who can help them maintain and develop the growth of the business. In return they will offer a competitive salary with company vehicle. The role will be to manage existing accounts as well as winning new business in installation and service. You will be mainly working in London and the South East. The role will also involve contact on a daily basis with an existing variety of customers in which it will be essential to maintain good relationships. You will be computer literate and have experience in a similar background, selling a service not just making a sale. A proven track record is essential. If you would like to be considered for this position, please forward your CV with a covering letter stating why you are suitable for this role to HR, Dept Box 126, Applebarn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS.

To apply/more information: Introland.tony@introland.co.uk
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Transport, Logistics, Aviation

Class 1 or 2 Drivers

Aylesham Salary £1600 per month
Class 1 or 2 drivers full time Digital card needed continental experience Double manning ADR an Advantage
£1600/month Based at Aylesham
Contact 01304 848220
email:info@bmexpressfreight.co.uk
To apply/more information: B & M Express Freight info@bmexpressfreight.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Shipping Clerk

Maidstone Salary £9neg
Our client based in Maidstone is looking for a shipping clerk with both import and export experience. You must be fully conversant with Letters of Credit, customers clearance and bonded procedures. To apply/more information: Interpersonnel.jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
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PUBLIC NOTICES

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION OF A DIRECTION MADE UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 6 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has confirmed a Direction made under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to which Article 6 applies ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 10am and 4pm on Saturday.

The Direction was made by the Authority on 13 July 2010 and came into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on the 17 July 2010. The Direction was confirmed on 22 September 2010 and remains in force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 2 - MINOR OPERATIONS

Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 4 - TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND USES

Class B

The use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be for the purposes referred to in paragraph B.2, and the provision on the land of any movable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 0.606524 hectares west of Pixot Hill, Brenchley, Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS

Dated : 25 September 2010



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 10/02990/FUL** Old Palace High Street, Brenchley
- New external gates in existing undercroft (LB) (CA)
- 10/02968/LBC** 19 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Listed Building Consent - basement and ground floor alterations (LB)
- 10/02833/OUT** Land Adj Cedar Cottage, Goudhurst
- Extension of Time - Outline (means of access not reserved) - Detached dwelling TW/07/03069/OUT refers) (CA) (LB)
- 10/02874/FULMJ** Playing Fields Bethany School, Goudhurst
- Replace existing rugby pitch with synthetic sports pitch, including associated cut and fill and erection of fencing (MAJOR)
- 10/02948/FUL** Maypole Farm Maypole Lane, Goudhurst
- Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (CA)
- 10/02825/LBC** Steam Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Change of use of lower ground floor store to part of detached annex living accommodation (amendment to TW10/00860/LBC - relocation of proposed internal staircase and boiler flue) (LB)
- 10/02826/HOUSE** Steam Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Change of use of lower ground floor store to part of detached annex living accommodation (Amendment to TW10/00856/HOUSE - addition of boiler flue) (LB)
- 10/02954/FUL** OS Plot 6535, Heartenoak Bridge Heartenoak Road, Hawkhurst
- Variation of Conditions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Planning permission TW/07/03249 - Retention of caravan site for two mobile homes and two touring caravans (DEVPLN)
- 10/02978/LBC** Slip Mill Cottage Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Retain repair and replacement of French doors already carried out (LB)
- 10/02869/LBC** Victoria House Stores High Street, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Replacement of existing signage (LB)
- 10/02917/FUL** Unit 2 Christchurch Centre, Pantiles & St Marks
- Change of use from shop (A1) to cafe (A3) and minor interior and exterior alterations (CA) (LB)
- 10/02945/FUL** The Meeting House Little Mount Sion, Pantiles & St Marks
- Part Retrospective - Relocation of cooling units (CA)
- 10/02967/HOUSE** 4 Cumberland Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Amendments to planning permission TW/10/01246/FUL (Demolish outbuildings and replace with a single storey flat roof extension; Alterations to existing building) - Change to position of utility room and WC (CA) (LB)
- 10/02969/LBC** 4 Cumberland Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Amendment to Listed Building Consent TW/10/01247/LBC (Demolish outbuildings and replace with a single storey flat roof extension; Alterations to existing building including enlarging small first floor window to North West elevation and demolition of redundant external chimney) - Change to position of utility room and WC (LB)
- 10/02979/HOUSE** Parkside House Dunorlan Park, Park
- Conversion and increase in height of existing garage to provide ancillary residential accommodation (CA)
- 10/02962/HOUSE** 93 Woodhill Park Pembury, Pembury
- Attached garage and secure store (CA)
- 10/02926/FUL** 10 Gorse Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Sherwood
- Erection of 1 no. 3 bed 5 person detached dwelling located on the land south-east of no. 10 Gorse Road. Associated hard and soft landscaping including 1 no. off road parking space to the proposed property and 1 no. new off road parking space provided for the existing occupants of no. 10 Gorse Road (CA)
- 10/02977/LBC** Packs In The Wood Hilbert Road, St James
- Listed Building Consent - Take down central chimney stack and rebuild to replace seriously decayed brickwork (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 25 September 2010



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FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 SCHEDULE 2 PART 5 – CARAVAN SITES

Class A

The use of the land, other than a building, as a caravan site in the circumstances referred to in paragraph A.2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 6 – AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A – Development on units of 5 hectares or more

- Works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building; or
- any excavation or engineering operations which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit.

Class B – Development on units of less than 5 hectares

- the extension or alteration of an agricultural building;
- the installation of additional or replacement plant or machinery;
- the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a sewer, main, pipe, cable or other apparatus;
- the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a private way;
- the provision of a hard surface;
- the deposit of waste; or
- the carrying out of any of the following operations in connection with fish farming, namely, repairing ponds and raceways; the installation of grading machinery, seration equipment or flow meters and any associated channel; the dredging of ponds; and the replacement of tanks and nets, where the development is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the unit.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 7 – FORESTRY BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A

The carrying out on land used for the purposes of forestry, including afforestation, of development reasonably necessary for those purposes consisting of :-

- works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building;
- the formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways;
- operations on that land, or on land held or occupied with that land, to obtain the materials required for the formation, alteration or maintenance of such ways;
- other operations (not including engineering or mining operations).

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 0.606524 hectares west of Pixot Hill Brencley Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated: 25 September 2010



HIGHWAYS – District of Ashford

PETT LANE, CHARING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of electrical maintenance works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Pett Lane, Charing, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property 'Kent Croft'. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with High Street/The Hill and Woodbrook.

The alternative route is via The Hill, A252 Canterbury Road (Charing Hill), Pilgrims Way, Toll Lane and Pett Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

THORNDEN WOOD ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway resurfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thornden Wood Road, Herne Bay from the junction with Hackington Road to the junction with Greenhill Road on or after 27 September 2010 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The various side roads leading from Thornden Wood Road will be closed at their junctions as the works progress. These will be sign posted on site, with local diversions set up.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Radfall Road, Chestfield Road, A2990 Old Thanet Way and Greenhill Road.

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

MIDDLE DEAL ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Middle Deal Road, Deal on or after 17 October 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A258 London Road and Orchard Avenue.

The alternative route is via A258 London Road and Bowling Green Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Deal, on or after 19 October 2010 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates and alternative routes are as follows.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace and Deal Castle Road between the junctions with Soudes Road and Victoria Road, from 19 October 2010 for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

Ranelagh Road for its entire length, from 20 October 2010 for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

A258 Beach Street and Prince of Wales Terrace, from the Broad Street Roundabout to the junction with Soudes Road, from 21 October for 2 nights between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

This phase will be done in 2 stages, either side of the junction with South Street.

This phase will also include **South Street** itself, between the junctions with Beach Street and Middle Street.

The alternative route for light vehicles is via Gilford Road, Park Avenue, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street and Prince of Wales Terrace.

For HGVs and vehicles over 13' 0" tall, the alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, London Road, Manor Road, Mill Hill, St Richard's Road, Court Road, Station Road, A258 Dover Road, The Strand, Victoria Road, Ranelagh Road (return via Deal Castle Road) and Prince of Wales Terrace.

South Street, Soudes Road, Stanley Road, Clanwilliam Road and Ranelagh Road will each be closed at their junctions with Prince of Wales Terrace as the works progress, as signposted on site.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Deal, on or after 19 October 2010 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed in phases, as follows.

A258 Beach Street and Prince of Wales Terrace, from the Broad Street Roundabout to the junction with South Street, for 1 night between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace between the junctions with South Street and Soudes Road, for 1 night between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace and Deal Castle Road between the junctions with Soudes Road and Victoria Road, for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

Ranelagh Road for its entire length for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The alternative route for light vehicles is via Gilford Road, Park Avenue, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street and Prince of Wales Terrace.

For HGVs and vehicles over 13' 0" tall, the alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, London Road, Manor Road, Mill Hill, St Richard's Road, Court Road, Station Road, A258 Dover Road, The Strand, Victoria Road, Ranelagh Road (return via Deal Castle Road) and Prince of Wales Terrace.

HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks

CHURCH ROAD, HARTLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Road, Hartley between Manor Lane and Grange Road.

The Order will become effective on 11th October 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 28 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: St Johns Lane, Ash Road and Church Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a sewer connection.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS – District of Shepway

SALTER'S LANE, BROOKLAND & SHORT LANE, SNARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of bridge reconstruction works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Salter's Lane, Brookland and Short Lane, Snargate.

This Order comes into effect on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Salter's Lane, Brookland will be closed either side of Salter's Lane Bridge. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Harvey Road and West Place.

The alternative route is via Harvey Road, A259 Rye Road, Brookland By-pass and Rye Road.

Short Lane, Snargate will be closed either side of Lansell Cottage Bridge. There will be no access for though traffic for its entire length.

The alternative route is via B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Cuckolds Lane.

CHERITON PLACE, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cheriton Place, Folkestone, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bouverie Road West and Sandgate Road.

The alternative route is via Bouverie Road West, Castle Hill Avenue and Sandgate Road.

BURMARSH ROAD, DYMCHURCH & BOTOLPH'S BRIDGE ROAD, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of level crossing repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Burmarsh Road, Dymchurch and Botolph's Bridge Road, Hythe on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Burmarsh Road, Dymchurch will be closed at the level crossing, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 3 days.

There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Green Meadows and Thorndike Road. The alternative route is via A259 Hythe Road, Dymchurch Road, Botolph's Bridge Road, Lower Wall Road, Donkey Street and Burmarsh Road.

Botolph's Bridge Road, Hythe will be closed at the level crossing on or after 18 October 2010 for up to 5 days.

There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Dymchurch Road and Lower Wall Road. The alternative route is via Burmarsh Road, Hythe.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KNOWLE ROAD, WOULDHAM (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Knowle Road from the junction of Pilgrims Way to Cornwall Crescent on or after Wednesday 29th September 2010 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via High Street, School Lane, Pilgrims Way.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for cabling works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Louise Skull on 08700 500792.

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By **STEVE LOADER**

AS A barometer for the UK economic climate, car sales look pretty gloomy at present.

Volumes in August – never great as buyers hold back ahead of the new registration plate – were 17.5 per cent down on the same month in August last year, though figures were massaged then by the now defunct Scrappage scheme.

But it was not all bad news, as Dartford-based Mazda UK bucked the trend to increase its sales 4.4 per cent and post a record 3.8 per cent in the private sector.

While the MX-5 sports car (pictured right) continues to be the Zoom-Zoom Japanese brand's icon, the real success story has been the Mazda6 (far right) family/company car that we rate highly for its driving enjoyment, quality and sensible running costs.

This Ford Mondeo rival took 20 per cent of sales to private buyers in its segment during August.

Another success story for the brand has been its Mazda5 midi-MPV or Vauxhall Zafira rival which arrived in 2005, and makes way for a new model this autumn, though much of the original has been carried over underneath a radical re-style that includes wave patterns along the flanks of the car.

It's a nice idea for an MPV where the higher sides and general bulk of the type can make them look frumpy.

Mazda calls this design language 'Nagare', but whether it now gets extended to other new models is in some doubt as the

Zooming through the market gloom



design chief behind it has joined Renault.

Of far more interest to many would-be buyers though is whether this new Mazda5 is a true seven-seater; the current car's sliding rear doors gave it a major plus against the sector-leading Vauxhall Zafira, only to be let down by the miserly centre seat in the middle row that the marketing people tried to turn into a positive by highlighting how it flipped up for easy access to the rearmost pair.

We'll be driving the replacement soon and reporting back on whether it is a true 'seven-up' contestant this time around.

However, it is the MX-5 that continues to draw attention as an affordable (from £17,245) halo car for the entire range and recently passed a landmark 100,000 sales in the UK, which has accounted for 40 per cent of its European volume since launch some 20 years and three generations ago.

When it arrived, it single-handedly revived the affordable roadster market once dominated by British MGs and Triumphs.

Never touted as a big engine, hairy-chested sports car, the MX-5 has focused upon cheap running costs, reliability and great poise thanks to the balance of its

classic front engine/rear driven chassis.

"The legendary Mazda MX-5 is the car most people associate with Mazda," said Mark Cameron, Mazda UK sales director.

"It is a car that people not only aspire to, but can afford to run and enjoy driving on a daily basis."

The car has been promoted this year by a 'Thrills' marketing campaign, given a boost this month by Mazda's sponsorship of the new ITV adventure show 71 Degrees North featuring 10 celebrities who will fight their way to the most northern part of mainland Europe.



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USED CARS

AGILA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	09	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Atlantis blue	9,350	8,995
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	55	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	55,800	5,995
06	06	Astra Active Estate	1.6	5	Silver lightening	18,950	6,495
06	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,495
07	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	6,995
07	07	Astra Design	1.8	5	Silver lightening	45,000	6,995
07	07	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	43,250	6,495
07	57	Astra Design Estate	1.8	5	Pannacotta	41,725	6,995
07	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,495
08	08	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	26,635	8,495
08	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	8,995
08	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,495
09	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	9,995
09	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,495
09	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	15,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	4,960	9,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	3,990	9,995
09	59	New Astra Sri	1.6	5	Power red	5,340	14,495
09	59	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Technical grey	7,050	11,995
09	59	Astra Active Sports hatch	1.4	3	Sovereign silver	8,040	10,495
09	59	Astra Life MTA	1.6	5	Sovereign silver	10,270	9,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
07	57	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Flame red	49,370	6,995
08	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Silver lightening	15,800	7,495
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3	3	Star silver	24,590	7,995
08	58	Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	24,060	8,995
09	09	Corsa Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Black sapphire	6,350	9,395

09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	5,980	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Metro blue	5,990	9,495
09	59	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395
10	10	Corsa Energy	1.2	3	Black sapphire	2,340	10,995

INSIGNIA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995
09	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	16,995

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
08	58	Meriva Design X pack	1.8	5	Air blue	7,600	8,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	6,695
07	57	Vectra Sri CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,495

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,495

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995
08	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
09	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,995

DUE SOON

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Star silver	9,290	6,995
06	56	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Metro blue	25,000	6,995
07	07	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	43,250	6,495
10	59	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	5,660	17,995
08	08	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	16,100	8,495
08	08	Zafira Breeze +	1.9	5	Star silver	23,000	9,995
01	51*	Vectra Sxi	1.8	4	Black	71,000	2,495
06	56	Zafira Active	1.6	5	Metro blue	48,000	6,995
08	08	Zafira Breeze +	1.9	5	Star silver	23,000	9,995

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FIRST GEAR



NISSAN'S eagerly awaited Juke arrived in showrooms this weekend with an extra boost.

Market watchers at CAP – the motor trade valuation source – have just calculated that second-hand values should better those of the sought-after BMW Mini, based on three years/60,000 miles of ownership.

The car should be worth at least half of its price when new say the experts, and Nissan corporate sales director Tony Lewis added: "We have worked hard to ensure that Juke ownership is hassle-free."

and that includes the retained value of the car. Potential customers who love the Juke's style can now buy with confidence."

The new baby crossover replaces, and looks well capable of exceeding, sales of the Micra supermini.

Prices start at £12,795 for the front-wheel versions, but four-wheel drive can also be specified.

The newcomer has the further advantage - like the bigger Qashqai - of being built at Nissan's Sunderland plant at a time when many buyers are thinking 'Buy British'.

Hyundai's baby people carrier

AMBITIOUS Korean brand Hyundai has unveiled an all-new mini-MPV called the ix20.

It will attack an increasingly important segment championed by the Honda Jazz.

The newcomer goes on sale in November and will be targeted at young families, with key attractions being class-leading fuel economy and low CO2 emissions and road tax plus the brand's standard five-year warranty.

We can also expect it to be competitively priced.

Meanwhile, Hyundai has also facelifted its best-selling i10 city car, to include comprehensive visual and mechanical improvements, including a new 1.0-litre engine with CO2 emissions of just 99 g/km that will make it road tax exempt. The revised i10 goes on sale early next year.



Interest is Focused on new Ford



FORD was heavily criticised for the ordinary styling of its second generation Focus hatchback, though it didn't stop it from being the UK's number one seller for most of its life.

However, there is no danger the third generation car will get similar stick – it's a stunner and Ford has just unveiled the ST performance flagship.

Unfortunately, we'll have to wait until 2012 to see the 250PS (247bhp) ST, but it is a carefully calculated marketing move ahead of launching the everyday Focus line-up next March/April.



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The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Mazda3 range (excluding Mazda3 MPS):
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CO₂ emissions (g/km) at 90 km/h

by
STEVELOADER

HERE'S a cunning plan. Take a retired big badge executive car that was state of the art in its prime, give it a smart makeover, and sell for much less to people who know a bargain.

And there you have the previous generation Audi A4, reborn as the Seat Exeo and still a cracking car, replaced ahead of its time and none the worse for subtle re-engineering and visual tweaking.

VW Group's Spanish arm has never really challenged in the family saloon and estate sector – yes, a re-modelled A4 Avant is available too – so here was a great way to muscle in for far less than the cost of developing a totally new car.

It not only offers a new product to loyal Seat buyers, but should also attract 'conquest' customers tempted by an 'Audi for Seat money'.

And that bargain executive car proposition is delivered not only by prices starting from just £18,775-19,795 in the case of the ST estate line-up – but trims and specifications that would have cost you dear in the days when Audi's four rings adorned the bonnet.

On the other hand, a Seat grille and some styling tweaks cannot stop it looking like a 'dodgy Audi' or suffering from the A4's relatively cramped rear seating.

But this is quibbling when compared with the benefits of this 'hand-me-down' exercise: pricing, peerless build quality, safety, reliability, a high quality cabin – ported over from the even more premium A4 Cabriolet rather than the saloon/estate – a decent boot and a terrific drive. The last deserves most praise; Seat engineers chose to change the sporty chassis set-up of the Audi, which could be irritatingly firm in everyday use.

Audacious offer of an 'Audi for Seat money'



There is still a Sport option, but our test car had Seat's standard set-up, which delivers a refined ride and responsive handling even on challenging roads.

Our mid-range SE spec car, with its entry level 2.0-litre 143PS/141bhp turbodiesel (£20,395) and six-speed gearbox also impressed with its liveliness, excellent cabin refinement and motorway composure – it

should also average more than 50mpg.

Equipment levels are lavish, with our SE including cruise control, iPod/MP3 port, Bluetooth phone connectivity and voice control plus steering-wheel mounted controls for sound system and phone, rain-sensing wipers, dual-zone climate control, electrically heated/folding/adjustable door mirrors and smart alloys.



DrivingPortfolio

SEAT EXEO SE 2.0 TDI (143PS) £20,395

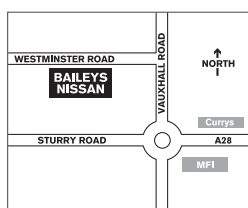
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Pre-production fuel consumption figures for Juke range are: URBAN 44.8-27.7mpg/6.3-10.2L/100km – EXTRA URBAN 64.1-47.0mpg/4.4-6.0L/100km – COMBINED 55.3-37.2mpg/5.1-7.6L/100km. CO2 emissions are: 134-175g/km. Information correct at time of print. Official figures available at www.nissan.co.uk from August 2010.



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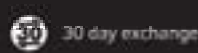
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None too soon Tucson 'Mark II'

DrivingReview



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Hyundai i30

HYUNDAI is a brand that renews and refreshes its line-up more regularly than most, but a replacement for its Tucson junior SUV couldn't have come soon enough.

The Tucson had been deserted by a fast-changing market and you only have to look at the ix35 launched a few months ago to see why.

Not only does it wear the hexagonal grille that is the new 'face' of the Hyundai range, but it is also more 'crossover' than before up, pitching it against the successful – and rightly so – Nissan Qashqai and Peugeot's award-winning 3008, in the hunt for hatchback and MPV buyers as well as the SUV (sports utility vehicle) fans targeted by the old Tucson.

The ix35 is more compact and feels far lighter on its feet than its predecessor too, and



the sharp styling is reminiscent of the Ford Kuga – one of the smarter compact SUVs on the market – though that is where any comparison with the Ford ends, since the ix35 is a far better deal and roomier, too.

It starts at just £16,495 and Hyundai is quick to say that this is cheaper than the list price of a poverty spec Ford Focus, yet brings alloys, ESP (electric stability programme), air con, Bluetooth and iPod/USB connectivity, heated front and rear seats and door mirrors, leather steering wheel and gear knob and

reverse parking sensors as standard, plus five years' roadside assistance and Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

To be fair to the opposition, the keen entry price also only buys you the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre petrol model, and even Hyundai admits that fewer than 10 per cent of buyers opt for that.

Most go instead for the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre diesel (from £17,995) with a further 10 per cent choosing the same engine with 4x4 (from £18,995) with the mix set to be jumbled

soon when a low-emission, high output 1.6-litre GDI (direct injection) petrol and 1.7-litre CRDi diesel engine join the ix35 range along with a six-speed auto option.

That junior petrol option looks interesting and its lighter weight could work well for the dynamics of the ix35, which feels a little unsettled on a winding road in FWD diesel format.

Nothing wrong with the diesel engine itself though; it pulls well and feels incredibly refined and though it is now a well-worn cliché, you really would be hard-pressed to tell whether it was actually a petrol unit.

It is also incredibly clean, with emissions attracting a road tax of just £90 a year.

The engine also works particularly well in 4x4 format – worth a relatively paltry extra £1,000 against an equivalent front-wheel drive version – and proved to be an absolute bargain in flagship Premium form as tested here, bringing full-length panoramic glass sunroof, lots of interior chrome, cruise control, dual-zone climate control, part-leather upholstery, smart roof rails and loads more.

Admittedly, the 4x4's fuel and tyre consumption cannot possibly be as good as that for a front-driven version; official figures show that average fuel consumption drops less than two mpg if you go for the 4x4, but most drivers will exploit the extra grip and its partnership with a well-sorted chassis that shows what an absolute clunker the Tucson was.

The cabin is well finished and designed, though hardly earth shattering in design or layout, while the roominess plus boot capacity are also impressive and the flat floor in the rear makes this a comfortable five-seater, although the middle seat is rather tight.

Chuck in that copper-bottom warranty and it starts to become a no-brainer, but for the badge, though such badge snobbery is fast waning in the face of the UK's new economic reality... we hope.



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C3, 16v, 2008, red, 50 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 856 5918 (TRADE)

C3, 16v, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £8980, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C3, SX 16V, 2007, blue metallic, 19000 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, VTR 16V, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver metallic, 29000 miles, £4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, Pluriel, 2005, abs brakes central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player isofix child seat points, storm grey, 52000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, XTR SENSODRIVE, 2005, alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking electric windows metallic paint multiple airbags trip computer 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors, silver, 22500 miles, £4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

C3, VTR 16V, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 10000 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, red, 500 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 1000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 1000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, blue, 7240 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, grey over 4000 cars in group stock, 50 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, new oreans blue, 6387 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

Grande Punto, 2008, air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player climate control front fog lights reverse parking aid single cd player sports seats curtain airbags remote central locking, red, 53158 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, tbc, 10006 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 10000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag sound pack trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls front armrest height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, grey, 14000 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, blue, 15008 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, blue, 11000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, blue, 11000 miles, £8000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 21000 miles, £4750, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix height adj drivers seat, red, 18536 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows power steering remote central locking, blue, 4500 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey metallic, 150 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 24500 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, blue, 55 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, blue, 55 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, black, 55 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, black, 55 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, red, 55 miles, £14480, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

Grande Punto, 2007, abs brakes drivers airbag immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 28000 miles, £5200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports seats remote central locking, red, 21250 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag immobiliser power steering, grey, 5000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, grey, 5000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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C-MAX, 5, w107nyu, insurance group 12 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body electrically adjustable drivers seat folding rear seats front electric windows front fog tango red, 22000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, nd58myn, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser 1 owner history, sea grey, 14000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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C-MAX, 5, wu07bwa, insurance group 12 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment 1 owner history, aquarius blue, 27000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, et07mkm, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body heated door mirrors side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment 1 owner history, panther black, 31000 miles, £6483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 5, 1m07hwp, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power locking trip computer 1 owner history, moonduist silver, 16000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ea54exn, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer service history, panther black, 56000 miles, £4283, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, 1e570yb, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner history, moonduist silver, 26000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, b07kfp, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering remote central locking trip computer 1 owner history, tango red, 22000 miles, £5683, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ex54eyh, insurance group 4 alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 2 owners history, moonduist silver, 57000 miles, £3283, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, ap58axn, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment 1 owner service history, moonduist silver, 9000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, eu02fyv, insurance group 6 alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cassette sunroof trip computer 3 owners service history, aquafrost, 35000 miles, £2483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, g158vnp, insurance group 4 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers climate control cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 1 owner service history, panther black, 24000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 3, m105kue, insurance group 3 abs alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette remote central locking sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 2 owners, star silver, 37000 miles, £3483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

CLIO, 3, sd53jyt, insurance group 3 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment sunroof trip computer history, pearl black, 48000 miles, £3000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

LIO, 16v, 2008, red, 44 miles, £16000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, blue, 44 miles, £16000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.6 Dynamique, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers, silver, 13634 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 2.0 16V Renaultsport 182 Cup, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering sports seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls body coloured bumpers, racing blue, 47729 miles, £5600, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.4 DYNAMIQUE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 28000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag, black, 44 miles, £16990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag, black, 44 miles, £16990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £18490, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CLIO, Dynamique TCE, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 9000 miles, £2000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, red, 55 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, black, 55 miles, £18000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £18100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, blue, 44 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, Dynamique, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, black, 8975 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 EXPRESSION, 2006, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover remote central locking, blue, 17123 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 TCE DYNAMIQUE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, blue, 22930 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 CAMPUS, 2006, black, 17299 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 EXPRESSION, 2003, abs brakes central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover trip computer, grey, 33100 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 2.0 16V DYNAMIQUE 182 Cup, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning sports seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls body coloured bumpers, racing blue, 47729 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1 Music DCI (Plus delivery), 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking isofix child seat points, red, 10 miles, £8986, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRAND MODUS, 2010, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, purple, 6312 miles, £10999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GRAND SCENIC, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, £3000 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2005, air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sliding rear seats split folding rear seats trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking keyless car with renault card isofix child seat points remote audio controls adjustable steering column front armrest rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, silver, 36000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, grey, 20115 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint mp3 player power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sound pack traction control trip computer panoramic sunroof curtain airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking keyless car with renault card isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 30000 miles, £8500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 28000 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points, red, 42500 miles, £6300, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, ice blue, 13064 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2008, black, 9717 miles, £7999, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column 3x3 point rear seat belts, flame red, 29247 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GRAND SCENIC, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser remote central locking, illusion flame, 36000 miles, £4500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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IF YOU needed an objective overview of where Kent's at economically after the recession, you might say, 'Don't ask a PR man'. But Andrew Metcalf, director of Tunbridge Wells-based Maxim and this week's Big Interview, takes a refreshingly honest view of the county's strengths and weaknesses.



We've also got news of a Sevenoaks man's book telling the inside story on how the poor relation of the marketing industry – sales promotion – ended up pushing the once dominant big budget ad agencies to one side.

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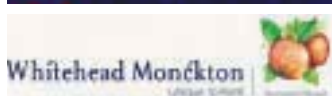
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Our positive message changes perceptions

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AS BRITAIN recovers from recession, Kent is moving up the rankings as a place to do business.

The 2010 Perception Study, commissioned by investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, shows seven out of 10 respondents rate Kent as a good or very good business location.

Awareness of Kent as a business location has increased: 69 per cent of respondents knew a great or fair deal about Kent and Medway, compared with 65 per cent in 2008 and only 48 per cent in 2003.

In addition, four out of 10 respondents rated Kent as a better business location than other areas in the UK, a key reason given being excellent connectivity to London and Europe – chiming with a message promoted by Locate in Kent and its partners.

Additionally, 56 per cent believed Kent had

**PAUL WOOKEY**

more attractive business location. Additionally, 63 per cent of respondents knew about high-speed trains from Ebbsfleet to London in 17 minutes and there was also a high level of knowledge of Eurostar trains from both Kent stations. Despite the new links, though, there was little change in preferred business locations

improved as a place to do business over the last four to five years.

Advisors and investors, a key target for Locate in Kent, were particularly positive with 70 per cent and 72 per cent respectively feeling that it had improved.

Of the 64 per cent of people aware of the 37-minute high-speed rail service from St Pancras to Ashford International, nearly 90 per cent felt this made Ashford a more attractive business location. Additionally, 63 per cent of respondents knew about high-speed trains from Ebbsfleet to London in 17 minutes and there was also a high level of knowledge of Eurostar trains from both Kent stations. Despite the new links, though, there was little change in preferred business locations

within the county: west Kent (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, and Tunbridge Wells) was favourite followed by Thames Gateway.

In terms of towns, Maidstone and Ashford were preferred, with 20 per cent and 18 per cent respectively, followed by Kent Thameside (Dartford and Gravesend) at 13 per cent. The depressed coastal areas of Thanet and Dover continue to struggle for recognition.

Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey said: "The Perception Study shows Kent continues to be increasingly well regarded as a business location.

"It indicates the messages put out by Locate in Kent and its partners about cost-effectiveness and available property and land in Kent and the county's proximity to London and Europe are definitely getting through.

"Locate in Kent has experienced increased interest in its website, and this is where 50 per cent of our successes originate. To build on these positive perceptions, we have just targeted 2,500 finance directors in the South East with a campaign to further promote these messages."

**YOUNG CHEF:** Open to all Kent secondary pupils in year groups 7-11

Taste for local food survives downturn

SHOPPERS are staying loyal to local food and UK sales are expected to rise to £5.7 billion a year by 2012 – up from £4.3bn in 2007 – according to a grocery industry report (IGD).

The news was welcomed by Benjamin Dent, chairman of the Kent Farmers' Market Association. He said: "This reiterates that shoppers buy local because they want to enjoy the freshest food, support local growers and help the environment. In each case, buying direct from Kent's farmers is the surest way. Fruit and veg come direct from the field; there's no middle man and zero air miles."

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said the report was encouraging: "It found 40 per cent of shoppers want to buy more local products rather than big-name brands. People are responding to economic worries by wanting to do more to support local businesses."

Her organisation has underlined its quest to promote best use of homegrown products by launching

the Garden of England's second Young Chef Award. The competition aims to encourage the county's secondary school children back into the kitchen to create and cook their own recipes, using seasonal and local ingredients. Some schools are incorporating the contest into their curriculum.

The Kent Young Chef Award 2010 is open to all children attending secondary school in Kent in year groups 7-11. For details, visit www.producedinkent.co.uk.

The closing date for entries is Friday, October 29, and judges include celebrity chef Richard Phillips of BBC TV's Ready, Steady, Cook; Claire Wood, head chef at Wood's Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells; and Roger Phillips, head of catering and hospitality at Thanet College.



A flavour of the harvest

MICRO-BREWER Gadd's of Ramsgate is pioneering the use of newly-picked green hops and thinks it could be on to a winner.

Owner Eddie Gadd said it started as an intriguing experiment, though he could afford to back his instinct – Gadd's is already a multi-award winner including Best Kent Brewery in 2007, Best Kentish Beer 2008 and 2009, and Golds two years running at the KOS Media-backed Taste of Kent Awards.

He said: "This year, as soon as the hops were harvested, I was at Brook Farm in Shatterling with a very large

sack to collect the East Kent Goldings before they were taken to the drying bins, so we could use them immediately, while they were still green.

"The beer is a celebration of the harvest, golden in colour, with a citrus, honey and blackcurrent aroma and a fresh, vibrant flavour of biscuity malt and spicy hops."

Traditionally, hops are picked and dried, then pressed into large sacks known as 'pockets' which allows them to be stored throughout the year.

Gadd's new Green Hop Ale is the official ale for the Broadstairs Food Festival next month.

**Green Hop Ale**



Comment

MEDWAY Council deliberates soon over whether to grant planning permission for a new Sainsbury's in Frindsbury.

And the supermarket giant is making sure councillors are aware the electorate knows 500 full and part-time jobs will be created in the store itself, with many others derived from the development.

The question being posed is: 'Will job-hunters and their hard-pressed families and the wider community be able to forgive their council if the plan is turned down?' It's a familiar tactic from the retailing juggernauts.

Unfortunately, the argument is not that simple. I have no doubt the new store will create a jobs bonanza in a part of Kent that a recent survey showed may take a decade or so to recover to pre-recession employment levels of 2007.

But experience shows that new-build supermarkets, far from creating jobs, can cannibalise ones that were already there by forcing the closure of nearby traders, so that one new job replaces one lost.

I saw it a few years ago when living near Launceston, Cornwall, when the local council – pressured by the usual arguments for jobs and improved road management works, etc – allowed Tesco to expand its out-of-town store.

Much was also made of the store's proximity to the A30 and shopping traffic 'passing through', especially during the summertime holiday peak, thereby avoiding traffic being drawn into the centre of the traditional market town.

The reality was that the much expanded store – with whole new departments including clothes, office and electricals – put year-round pressure on a town centre that was refreshingly not High Street UK clones, with many owner-run shops offering choice, service and, actually, reasonable prices. Shop closures followed and the last time I was there a few had been empty for some time. As another Sainsbury's nears completion closer to home, in Hythe, I also fear for the future of a similar small town offering a choice of independent stores.

Of course this business section applauds any effort to sell new jobs as the county pulls away from recession, but just check the goods before buying.

BUSINESS EDITOR STEVE LOADER

Designers will show their mettle

JEWELLERS and silversmiths from Kent will add sparkle to an industry showcase opening on Monday.

The fortnight-long Goldsmiths' Fair – open to trade and the public – is billed as an exciting opportunity for new and independent designers/makers in the UK and the most prestigious event of its kind in Europe.

Held at London's Goldsmiths' Hall, it shuns mass production to focus on the bespoke, original and one-off, hand-made by dedicated artists in small workshops. Many use the most ancient – or the very latest – techniques, everything from using a cuttlebone to cast jewellery with a grainy texture, to laser welding.

Displaying their creations will be 11 Kent jewellers, including Catherine Hills of Tunbridge Wells; silversmith Ray Walton of Faversham; fellow Faversham artisan Edward Mahony; silversmith and jeweller Justin Richardson of Canterbury; Carl Padgham and Andy Putland of Pluckley, near Ashford, both graduates of Medway College of Design; Polly Gasston of Canterbury; Maidstone-based Jesper Velling; Olivia Schlevogt, who trained in Germany and is now based in Rochester; Susan Beale of Bromley; Beaulagh Chapman-Brooks from Beckenham; and Belvedere's David Webdale.



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Business Week Live is powering up with you

BOOKINGS for KOS Media's new annual business show reflect a growing confidence felt by Kent firms – more than half of the stands are already sold.

Business Week Live, takes place on Wednesday, November 10, at the Detling Showground, near Maidstone.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "The message coming back loud and clear is that the timing could not be better as businesses examine strategies and trading partnerships ahead of 2011 – viewed as a key year as post-recession momentum starts to gather pace.

"Many prime positions have gone and we would advise

people who have particular requirements to get in touch as soon as possible to secure their space."

The show is supported by Business Week, KOS Media's b2b portfolio of products i

ncluding a bright new weekly section in Kent on Sunday and Kent on Saturday and sister titles Tunbridge Wells on Saturday and Tunbridge Wells on Sunday; a business e-bulletin sent every Tuesday, an e-edition sent every Friday, a 24/7 news, views and information website www.businessforkent.co.uk, social media, and events.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "The launch of KOS Media's Business Week earlier this year along with its online coverage was a welcome boost to the hard-pressed business community, so

the chamber and its members are delighted to learn of this well-timed follow-up. It looks like a great opportunity for people to do business, swap ideas and advice or even team up. With initiatives like this and back-up from organisations like ours, Kent firms should emerge from recession stronger and better than they ever were."

Open from 9am until 4pm and with free parking and free visitors' entry, Business Week Live features dedicated exhibition zones to help visitors locate the companies they want to see.

The editorial backbone to the show is the Business Week Live conference programme covering key issues and challenges faced by businesses today.

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Lenleys in Canterbury has been revamped. At the re-launch party, Julie Maddocks met the store's MD, Jonathan Watts

■ ONE of Dover's most elegant buildings is to be revitalised. The seafront hotel formerly known as the Churchill and being renamed Dover Marina Hotel, will be run by the management team behind the port's four-star Ramada Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express, Canterbury. The Port of Dover owns the building and has leased it to the new operators. A spokesman said: "They are local businessmen and we are excited by their ideas for the hotel."

■ **BASEPOINT business centres is holding a ground-breaking ceremony on Thursday for The Base, a 30,000 sq ft landmark office building at the former Unwins off-licence chain's depot site in Victoria Road, Dartford. The project is due to open next spring and will offer quality managed workspace including offices and studio workshops for up to 75 businesses.**

■ **COUNCILS in Kent will have access to a £355,000 fund for the South East from Defra to help identify areas at risk from flooding.**

Environment minister Richard Benyon said: "Climate change means we can expect changes in rainfall patterns, higher winter rainfall and more intense summer storms – all of which mean more floods."

"These funds will go to local authorities so they can prepare risk assessments, identify the implications and plan accordingly."

■ **DEMEIZA – the Kent-based children's hospice – benefited from £200 raised when office workers at Maidstone accountancy DSH swapped suits and ties for jeans and T-shirts for a dress down day that also included a cake sale and raffle.**

Sex, drugs and marketing

SALES promotion has rocketed in just a few years, writes KOS Media Business Editor Steve Loader.

The UK arm of this once poor relation of the marketing mix was worth £26.5 billion in 2008 according to industry watchers at the Advertising Association, putting the once dominant advertising industry (£18.6bn) in the shade.

This remarkable rise and the sector's future has now been spotlighted by Sevenoaks man and marketing guru Colin Lloyd, chairman of marketing services group Motivcom plc and a joint founder of marketing agency KLP.

He and co-author Ken Spedding have produced *Beyond Redemption, the Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll of Marketing*, which even uses a familiar sales device in a unique way – it is claimed to be the first business book ever to offer a money-back guarantee.

And it's no stuffy read either according to early reviewers including Marketing Society president Andrew Marsden, who said: "If reading a book on the origins and development of today's multi-billion-pound sales promotion industry sounds dry, don't worry."

"Lloyd and Spedding have produced a romp through its origins, the techniques used, the people who devel-

oped them, their mistakes and successes which is at once educational and entertaining. Anyone with an interest in promotional marketing will enjoy this tour de force."

The book looks at key people behind this growth industry and highlights some of the best-known, highly successful promotions, as well as looking at campaigns and ventures which didn't turn out as planned.

Mr Lloyd said: "Disastrous promotions like Hoover Free Flights and the Government's Connections Card have cost up to £100m, while successes have also made others many millions. Sales promotion is very big business and not for amateurs."

His own former agency KLP – the largest promotions agency in the UK and the first to go public on the London stock market – itself lost £5m overnight due to a printing problem. Mr Lloyd remains upbeat about his industry though: "Sales promotion is one of the most powerful tools available to companies."

"It is a dynamic sector that pervades the marketing process, influences brand propositions and touches almost every citizen dozens of times a year."

"But, of its many redeeming features, the overriding one has been the exhilaration of creative entrepreneurialism. And it is this which needs to be reignited, with brands and agencies adopting a less risk-averse attitude and changing things for the sake of change."



INSIGHT: Beyond Redemption
co-author Colin Lloyd

An outstanding turnaround reaps college rewards

HADLOW College has reported an upsurge in inquiries after its recent elevation to top level 'outstanding' status by Government education watchdog Ofsted.

The major turnaround – Hadlow was rated as 'failing' just seven years ago – is attracting most interest from the 16 to 17-year age group. College spokeswoman Pat Crawford told Business Week: "Staying on at school for A-levels isn't necessarily the first choice for every 16-

year-old, especially those aiming for a vocational career in industries such as horticulture, agriculture or fisheries management.

"It is possible that some, having been alerted to a different – and some might say more focused – route will choose to forgo A-levels and instead opt for a vocational course en route to a degree or further training programme."



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Cultivating an interest since Brownies years

EAST Malling Research new recruit Fiona Wilson's fascination with plants stems from gaining her gardening badge with the Brownies.

"Recognising that this was not sufficient qualification for a career in plant sciences however, I later did a degree in botany at the University of St Andrews," laughed Fiona.

She joins the world-famous research site (EMR) as an expert in the ornamentals category – non-food producing stock usually grown for their appearance, such as flowering cherries and herbaceous perennials.

She has already enjoyed several roles in plant science research and horticulture, most recently as principal trials officer at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens, Wisley, and will now embark on an important fact-finding mission.

She said: "The scientists at EMR are probably best known for their work with top and soft fruits, but their understanding of ornamentals is also great. They are an excellent resource for all UK growers.

"I am going to be spending lots of time meeting key growers across the country and discovering the difficulties they are currently facing with their ornamentals.

"I will then be liaising with our science teams to come up with ways of developing solutions which will help boost commercial production.

"Joining the ornamentals team at EMR is a great opportunity. I am combining my keen interest in the science of plants with my enthusiasm for developing the UK horticultural industry," said Fiona.



FIONA WILSON

tural industry," said Fiona.

Away from the office and laboratory, she is a keen fruit and vegetable grower on her own allotment.

EMR is known for its work in tackling pests and diseases, plant breeding, genetic fingerprinting and developing new approaches to production techniques – including using less water while improving both quality and yield.

Its clients include Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), the EU, growers, retailers and other commercial concerns.

Maxim checks

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

Needing to check the pulse of the Kent economy, business editor STEVE LOADER sought out Andrew Metcalf, director of Tunbridge Wells-based PR consultancy Maxim and vice-chairman of the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors (IoD). With intelligence drawn from his own findings, his clients and some 1,600 fellow IoD members, he reckoned Metcalf would deliver ...



Andrew Metcalf

YOU would expect a PR guru to say too many Kent companies hide their light under a bushel, but journalists also know interviews can feel like pulling teeth.

It is the same in public relations. "I'm astonished at what client companies may unknowingly hide from us," said Andrew Metcalf, co-founder of Tunbridge Wells-based PR and marketing consultancy, Maxim. "Sometimes we will end a client meeting with three-four potential stories agreed and then a throwaway remark will unearth a real nugget.

"Fortunately, a lot of our team are former journalists and know how to ask a question and I like to think I'm not bad either, having picked it up from them.

"But there are some great companies out there almost too embarrassed to talk about themselves."

Naturally, he is quick to say that this is a bad time to be a shrinking violet: "The economy is fragile, but you

make your own luck. There are firms enjoying success regardless of what people are saying about the state of the economy." However, he is worried by Chancellor George Osborne's imminent "slash and burn" spending review, when the axe is expected to fall heavily on the public sector. "There is no doubt that you have to get public sector finances back in shape," said Metcalf. "My fear is Mr Osborne will cut and cut across the board instead of saying 'we do need this and we do need that'.

"Education must be saved pain; business cannot rescue the country without people possessing the necessary skills and we can't be expected to find the money ourselves when we are charged with leading recovery.

"There is the plain fact too that thousands of businesses in Kent in one way, shape or form derive a commercial benefit from public spending – the suggestion that public budgets will be cut 20-30 per cent and some say 40, does

not bode well. There is also a view that cuts in the public sector will free up more work for private sector concerns, but will they? This is different to the last recession; if some funding is cut, there won't be that work to be done by anyone."

Metcalf co-founded his business 15 years ago with former journalist Philip Jones, who had been working for another PR agency. The fledgling firm's first job was a 150-stand international exhibition, Region TransManche, involving Kent and counterparts in France and Belgium. Metcalf recalled: "It was a huge undertaking for a company of what was then just two blokes, but we never looked back."

Based in St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Maxim has grown to 10 people, including the two founding directors, working on PR, marketing and, increasingly, briefing and opinion-forming on behalf of clients. "We act as their eyes and ears – we watch, we listen," is how Metcalf describes it.

He is as surprised as anyone at how he got to where he is: "I had always been fascinated by geography, first of all the physical formations but then the human aspect – the socio-economic side. If you want to carry on with it though, you normally become a geography teacher – I've been fortunate enough to apply it elsewhere.

"It helps me understand what clients are trying to do and connect them with like-minded people and customers."

However, the old adage 'don't buy a dog and bark yourself' is one that plagues the PR professional vs client relationship: "You have got to have the strength of your convictions. It's on your watch."

Looking beyond his own business and to Kent's future, he said: "There are good manufacturing businesses here, even



AWARDS EVENING: Andrew Metcalf with broadcaster and MC Geoff Clark



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MAXIM AT PLAY:
Andrew Metcalf (second
left) with an agency
team on the curling rink



though it isn't what Kent is known for, and they are well placed at present with a favourable exchange rate. There are also plans afoot to get more Kent businesses looking overseas and not just to France and Germany to build their trade internationally."

Despite years of decline, he was also optimistic about the Garden of England's land-based sector: "There are some excellent concerns – what are essentially marketing companies – that have really worked out how to sell to the Waitroses and Sainsbury's and many other Kent companies, and jobs derive from the associated distribution, packing and other work involved."

He thinks tourism can be a force for revival, too, and particularly the award-winning Maxim client Visit Kent: "It costs nothing in comparison to what is spent by other regional tourist authorities, but tourism is a revenue generator that Kent has perhaps not valued highly enough in recent years."

And he pointed to Kent's chance to 'do a Brighton', creating a countywide hub where quality professional firms, practices and consultancies could function on a regional and even national level. They would be helped by the county's road structure and new high-speed rail network HS1, and he added: "We have great ports too – Dover, Sheerness – and there is potential at Manston. I hope the airport can build on the Flybe services to Edinburgh and Manchester and give the airline confidence to add more routes."

"We have some great professionals who have moved to Kent usually for lifestyle reasons, to avoid the big commute and so on, and there is no reason why other Kent companies should not look to use them on a professional basis let alone because they might be cheaper than a London concern with greater overheads."

"That's the rationale behind the backing Kent businesses movement launched by KCC, Federation of Small Businesses, the chambers [of commerce] and others."

"I think people need to recognise we are all in this together and what goes around comes around. The word now is collaboration, rather than competition."

But he does not feel the county's burgeoning technology sector is making enough of itself. Many complain that investment is hard to come by and Metcalf agrees that the

banks have made it tough, but added: "There are still private investors. They are making little interest on investments and yet are reasonably placed to take a chance on something offering a potentially higher return."

"That's got to be a positive sign, but businesses can't wait for the 'angels' to come along – they have to go out to them."

As an example of what can be achieved, he quoted recent Maxim activity on behalf of East Malling Research: "EMR is involved in significantly important research in food production and we engineered a visit by the then [Labour] environment secretary Hilary Benn, who was blown away by the work EMR was doing in the field of water management and incorporated it in every major speech for a while afterwards, resulting in a massive lift to EMR's status within the industry."

"And regular calls to comment on any significant issue in its industry."

Aged 46, Andrew Metcalf enjoys coaching under-12s rugby though his first love is football and he supports Bolton Wanderers – he was born in Bolton though his family later moved from the Lancashire town, crossing the Pennines to Scarborough in Yorkshire. He is married with one son.

ANDREW METCALF's CV

- 1987 – graduated with BA Hons in Geography from St David's University College Lampeter and became marketing executive with publishing firm Pindar in home town of Scarborough.
- 1990 – joined Kent-based Benn publishing house to market the company's publications and directories.
- 1993 – joined the economic development marketing team at Kent County Council.
- 1995 – co-founded Maxim.

ANDREW'S TOP TIPS

- Don't settle on the easy solution – "My old boss at Pindar said: 'If there's two people in a meeting and they both agree then only one of them is thinking'."
- A small favour can be worth a lot – "I like to think you get back what you deserve. It might not come back immediately, but it does in time."
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- Diversify – "About five years ago I sat down with fellow director Phil and we realised we had one client delivering 20 per cent of our business; risky if they suddenly decided to go away. We immediately went all-out to widen our business base and now have 30-40 clients and projects across Kent and regionally."

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TIME is running out for entries to this year's London and South East Director of the Year awards run by the Institute of Directors (IoD), which recognise hard work, inspiration and management skills of business leaders.

Rodger Broad, regional director for the IoD, said: "The judges also welcome nominations from directors who aren't members of the IoD."

"There are great leaders out there, many of them unsung outside their own organisations. The IoD awards are a chance to recognise and celebrate their achievements."

The deadline for entries is Friday, October 1, and there are nine categories:

- Director of the Year – four classes:
- Companies with a turnover up to £4.99m;
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- Turnover £25m-99.99m;
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- Companies with a turnover up to £4.99m;
- Turnover £5m and more.
- IoD Chairman's Special Award – not-for-profit organisations.

To submit an online nomination, visit www.iod.com/south/awards.



JOURNEY'S END: David Vant in Paris

Pedal-power all the way to Paris

CABOT Financial manager David Vant has completed a 290-mile charity bike ride from London to Paris and raised more than £1,500 for the Royal British Legion.

He works as a debt purchase manager for the West Malling-based firm, which employs more than 400 and buys consumer debts from banks and other major lending companies.

He was one of more than 300 riders who completed the event – now in its 15th year – over four days. The first day was the longest and most gruelling, covering 83 miles from Greenwich to Calais via Dover.

Motorcycle outriders ensured the riders' safety on a route that climaxed with an adrenaline-fuelled ascent to the Arc de Triomphe and a ceremony beneath the Arc, including a rousing rendition of La Marseillaise.

Mr Vant said: "The aching legs and muscles have all been worth it for such a good cause."

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EATING OUT: Simon Reed of Rough Old Wife and Paul Babra of Canterbury Curry Club

ENTREPRENEURS in Kent are getting in touch with their Continental side through a free translation service to woo French, Belgian and Dutch customers.

Canterbury City Council set up the service as part of its Transmanche Enterprise Network (TEN) Project, providing funding to

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assist sole traders and local businesses targeting markets in France and Belgium.

"The first thing a business needs to do if it's going to reach out overseas is to connect with its customer base and speak the language," said project manager Natalia Sukhram. "A translated website is essential."

The scheme also offers French and Dutch language lessons, and financial support to attend conferences and networking events in France and Belgium.

Jules Serkin, owner of Whitstable-based PR firm PressupGroup and holiday rentals company Seavilla.eu was the first to use the service.

She said: "During the credit crisis, business in France in particular has become crucial for me. The French economy is relatively well insulated. I'm now in discussions with my first French clients as a direct result of TEN Project's translation."

And the site has also helped Paul Babra to introduce the French and Belgians to his home-cooked gourmet curries. The founder of Canterbury Curry Club said: "Samosa to the Indians are like croissants for the French, fish and chips to the English and frankfurters for the Germans."

"As we are so near to France and cook on-site, I thought it might be a good idea to give them a flavour of authentic spice workshops, Indian curry, Bollywood and bhangra dance experience."

Simon Reed, co-owner of Rough Old Wife cider-maker at Old Wives Lees, said the site had won an increasing number of inquiries from small specialist shops in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

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Ensuring a soft landing for the ailing Eagles

AWARD-winning Tunbridge Wells-based accountancy Creaseys played a key role in the 11th-hour deal to save ailing Championship football club Crystal Palace.

A team from Creaseys supplied the 'assist' for entrepreneur Martin Long's goal to arrange and structure his investment in CPFC 2010, the new vehicle formed to acquire the south London club from administrators.

"This deal ensured Crystal Palace could fulfil its fixtures and continue trading," explained Creaseys tax partner Richard Holme, who led the firm's team along with fellow tax partner Elizabeth Robertson. "The day after the deal was concluded, the club celebrated with a nail-biting victory over Leicester City," he added.

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Martin Long, founder of Churchill Insurance and previously co-founder of Direct Line, is a lifelong Palace fan and became joint chairman along with Steve Parish, owner of marketing agency Tag Worldwide.

"We were delighted to be involved and enjoyed working closely with Martin to best structure matters for his benefit," said Mr Holme.

"We are pleased this has given Crystal Palace the opportunity to continue in business and, hopefully, thrive under the new owners. Tax planning for transactions such as this forms an important part of the work we do at Creaseys.

"In this relatively harsh climate, it is important to plan arrangements carefully in advance."



ON THE BALL: Richard Holme and Elizabeth Robertson show their support for Palace

Mr Long was complimentary about backing from the Lonsdale Gardens-based accountancy, which has 90 staff. He said: "I was glad to receive good advice from Richard and his team and would feel confident in recommending their services," he said.

Mr Holme admits his allegiances lie with another unnamed London football club, but

did happen to be in the crowd when Palace recorded their largest-ever attendance (51,482) in May 1979 in a match against Burnley.

Crystal Palace FC – The Eagles – was founded in 1905 by workers at the Crystal Palace exhibition halls and moved to its present stadium, Selhurst Park, in 1924.

Making tax simpler – but not easier

DESPITE the launch of the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) last month, a Kent accountancy firm says things may not get any easier as the Government looks to tackle the UK debt mountain.



Chancellor George Osborne wants the new body to supply independent advice on overhauling taxation.

But Simon Warne (pictured left), tax partner at Horwath Clark Whitehill of Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, fears that even as the new office seeks to trim whole sectors of Britain's tortuous tax process, there will be temptations to add new ones.

He said: "It's difficult to calculate how much of our income goes to the Government but in terms of income tax, National Insurance and VAT, we are working for the taxman for three months of the year.

"However, when you consider all the taxes we pay that generally go unnoticed, we are actually working five months of the year just to pay tax. In terms of business, it has long been agreed the UK tax system is overly complex. The primary code is 11,000 pages and thought to be the longest in the world.

"National Insurance is simply added to central government tax receipts, so it would seem sensible to scrap it. Vehicle Excise Duty is a good example of how difficult tax simplification is. Introduced in 1920, it was ring-fenced to road projects until 1937 when it became just another tax. There are plenty of other candidates that could go."

The OTS could advocate scrapping some taxes altogether. A key brief is reducing compliance burdens on businesses and individuals and the first two reviews will focus on small business tax simplification and tax reliefs.

Mr Warne said: "Successive governments have sought to impose political objectives

through the tax system and to differentiate themselves from their predecessors.

"The Treasury and HMRC, both of which seek to close perceived loopholes, add further complexity. In recent years the rate at which new legislation is being added has increased and the case for simplification is clear."

But he added: "The OTS will need to work fast as pressures to add complexity will continue. Recently ministers were asked to consider a proposal that people who buy a poorly insulated property should have to pay an extra levy on top of stamp duty. In the same week there were moves to tax graduates and to reinstate a death contribution tax to fund care for the elderly. Overall the impact on gross tax revenues is expected to be neutral.

"However, simplification is still worth pursuing. We can expect some good reports from the OTS but the real results will only be seen in future finance bills when we find out which taxes are to be scrapped."

SMALL businesses operating from single premises could soon be eligible for substantial rate relief, according to local tax specialist Francis Walsh.

The proprietor of TaxAssist Accountants in Maidstone said the Government's announcement of an increase in small business rate relief could make the difference. "As of October 1, traders and retailers who operate out of single premises will receive 100 per cent rate relief on properties up to £6,000 rateable value instead of 50 per cent, and a tapering relief from 100 per cent down to zero per cent for properties up to £12,000," he said.

"The news follows an announcement that small business rate relief thresholds have also increased.

"Businesses are now eligible if they operate from one property with a rateable value up to £18,000 – an increase of £3,000. Further properties with values lower than £2,600 are disregarded – up £400 on the previous level."

He said eligible businesses should continue to pay rates in accordance with their latest bill and await contact from the local authority. They only need to make contact if they became ineligible for relief.

"Some businesses should be applying for further relief," he said. "Charities and amateur sports clubs, for example, could have their bills reduced by 80 per cent or more. Small businesses should ensure they are receiving everything they are entitled to."

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Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 50 YEARS AGO: HARRY Barratt named an unchanged Gillingham side for their game with Bradford in Division Four, after goalkeeper Johnny Simpson saved a penalty to secure a 3-2 win over York in midweek, but the Gills lost 4-3 at Priestfield and dropped to 13th in the table.

In the second qualifying round of the FA Cup, Jimmy Fletcher made a successful return to the Athletic Ground, helping Dartford to a 3-1 win over former side Maidstone United, surprise winners over Gravesend & Northfleet in the previous round.

In other ties featuring Kent clubs, Tonbridge Angels narrowly won 2-1 at Tunbridge Wells, Folkestone beat Deal 5-1 and Dover beat Snowdown Colliery Welfare 5-3.

The Dover Supporters Association unveiled a scale model of Crabble in a bid to raise money for floodlights, asking fans to throw coins onto the miniature pitch.

1985 25 YEARS AGO: LAURIE Potter, the Bexleyheath-born, Australian-raised all-rounder, rejected the offer of a new contract with Kent as the exodus from St Lawrence continued, following Graham Johnson's sacking and the retirement of Alan Knott.

Promising wicket-keeper batsman Steve Marsh agreed a new deal, but Kent's other keeper, Stuart Waterton, was considering his position.

The £100,000 striker, Dean Neal, was training with Gillingham after being frozen out by Millwall boss George Graham, although Gills manager Keith Peacock played down hopes of a permanent move.

Barry Fry vowed to stick with his gung-ho style as his Maidstone United side drew 4-4 with Telford in the Gola League.

Colin Barnes put the Stones in front and after Telford went 2-1 up, Steve Butler equalised with a spectacular overhead kick.

Telford went 4-2 ahead before Mickey Joyce and Richard Tiltman earned the Stones a point.

2000 10 YEARS AGO: AFTER a season of repeated failures by the specialist batsmen, it was no surprise when David Masters and Martin Saggars were named Kent's joint players of the year.

In his debut summer with his home county, Masters took 48 first-class wickets at 24.19, while Saggars was the leading wicket-taker in the County Championship with 57 at 20.14 apiece.

Gillingham came from behind to beat Huddersfield 2-1, Guy Butters equalising an early goal from the visitors before Paul Smith headed the winner with 15 minutes left.

Manager Andy Hessenthaler said: "I don't mind admitting it was our worst performance of the season, but I don't care because I'm absolutely delighted with the three points."

New hotel to help club in pitch for big tournaments

By DAVID PRITCHARD

LONDON Golf Club bosses insist hosting another high-profile tournament at the Kent course is not a "viable option" until plans for a hotel on site are approved.

The venue, near Ash, has a track record of successfully staging big tournaments, culminating in two events on the men's European Tour. Around 90,000 spectators attended the most recent European Open, in 2009, but a lack of sponsorship prevented the Tour returning this year.

With demands on host courses from sponsors and organisers increasing dramatically, the London Club submitted a planning application to build a 130-bed hotel and leisure facilities in a bid to keep pace with their ambitions.

With this in mind they put together a bid for the 2015 Solheim Cup – the biggest event in women's golf – but earlier this month Forest Pines in Lincolnshire won the right to represent the UK.

In a letter to the London Club from Mark Casey, European Solheim Cup director at the Ladies European Tour, the lack of a decision on the development had proved crucial.

He said: "One of the significant reasons for your submission not being given Preferred UK Bid Status was that whilst you have submitted planning application to build a hotel, this has still to be approved."

"We therefore felt that we could not take the risk of appointing a venue without such guarantee and have appointed another venue which does have an appropriate hotel and ancillary facilities on site."

It is not the only tournament which the club has missed out on. Earlier this year they were in talks to host an event next season on the Seniors Tour. Although it would have been a lower profile event than either the Solheim Cup or the European Open, the lack of on site facilities again stalled progress.

Austen Gravestock, general manager at the London Club, said: "They felt without a high-quality hotel on site it really wasn't a

Success of planning application is vital to London Club's hopes of return of major events to course



NEXT LEVEL: Impressions of the new hotel (left) would be built at the back of the green on the 3rd hole on the Heritage Course (above)

Borough Council, the club hope to have an answer on the proposed development before Christmas. It is not without controversy and has attracted some criticism from residents and organisations, mainly due to the loss of greenbelt land.

Gravestock acknowledges the concerns, but believes the economic benefits to the area, coupled with a sympathetic design, make the project an exception.

"We realise this is an application that needs diligent and careful consideration, hopefully we can come up with the right result for the local planning authority, ourselves and the local community," he said.

"Of course you would expect some degree of opposition, especially given that it is on greenbelt land."

"It's up to us to put forward a very special circumstance against that and that's hopefully what we are demonstrating to the local planning authority."

viable option. Our inability to get Preferred Bid Status for the Solheim Cup is a good reflection of what we're trying to do – i.e. we need to strengthen our facilities by having some good quality accommodation.

"The planning application will provide – if granted – some magnificent accommodation. It takes us to another level; we would be up there alongside some of the biggest names in the sport in the UK and therefore be able to pitch for the biggest events."

Nine months on from submitting the planning application to Tonbridge & Malling



Golfers to tee up for hospice at Prince's

A HOST of professional golfers will head to Prince's Golf Club next week for the final of the Demelza Cup.

The competition, organised by European Tour professional Benn Barham, from Ashford, is expected to attract about 80 golfers to the famous Sandwich links course all hoping to help raise funds for the Demelza House Children's Hospice in Sittingbourne.

European Tour professionals Oliver Fisher, Robert Rock, Sam Little, Robert Dinwiddie and Herne Bay's Steven Tiley are also due to play in the 18-hole pro-am event, while amateur players from Kent and East Sussex have qualified for the final after coming through qualifying tournaments.

Ladies European Tour golfer Danielle Masters from Maidstone is also expected to play in an all-ladies team in the competition. The event begins at 10am next Friday.



RUNNER-UP: Matt Ford almost claimed his first Challenge Tour

Ford earns tour spot

GOLFER Matt Ford secured a place on the 2011 European Challenge Tour after finishing tied second in the M2M Russian Challenge Cup last week.

The 32-year-old professional from Maidstone came agonisingly close to recording his first tour victory, but finished one shot behind eventual winner Carlos Del Moral. The result moved him up to 53rd in the tour rankings, earning him Challenge Tour playing privileges for the first time in his career.

Ford began the tournament in Moscow well, picking up two birdies on the front nine of his opening round. Another birdie followed at the 14th, but a double bogey on the final hole saw him

finish on one-under-par. A three-under-par round of 69 saw him easily make the cut.

A bright start to the third round allowed Ford to shoot up the leaderboard, but three dropped shots in a messy back nine saw his charge halted again.

The Tudor Park professional saved his best golf for the final round and a stunning 66, which included eight birdies, put him into contention for the tournament victory. Unfortunately his efforts were not enough as Del Moral equalled his round and secured the win by a shot.

The finish saw him pocket 14,000 Euros, one of his highest rewards since turning professional in 2004.



PITCHING IN: Benn Barham charity tournament organiser

Pictures: CHERYL KING



OUT OF CONTENTION: Kristian House (in green jersey) struggled in this year's tour, and (right) the steep and cobbled Constitution Hill

Chain of events led to poor tour, says House

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

KRISTIAN House was philosophical after finishing an underwhelming Tour of Britain.

The Rapha Condor Sharp rider finished in 21st place overall after the eight stages, almost 15 minutes down on winner Michael Albasini of HTC Columbia.

House, who grew up near Canterbury and finished 10th in last year's Tour, admitted it was disappointing both individually and for the team, but felt there was nothing more he could have done.

He said: "It's how bike racing – and sport in general – can be sometimes. The past two or three years everything I've done in the Tour of Britain was spot on and worked out, with the help of a bit of luck along the way.

"This year it just didn't. I don't feel like I did anything wrong, the moves I got into just didn't stick."

Rider looks back at disappointing display in gruelling race around UK

House's main aim was a stage win and he had targeted the fourth stage, from Minehead to Teignmouth, as his best opportunity for glory. He duly got in the day's big move, but with several riders using it to mount attacks on the yellow jersey, the chances of a lone breakaway succeeding were minimal.

House said: "I gave it a go, but there were so many people trying to keep it together for the GC it was nullified pretty quickly. There's not a lot anyone can do about it and when a team like Sky decide they are going to control it, there's very little an individual can do."

Overall the race continued its renaissance, with a high-quality field attracting big crowds. The only slight disappointment was

the final stage in London, which was moved from the centre of the city out to Docklands due to the Pope's visit.

House's abiding memory came at the end of the third stage, where massive galleries turned out to watch the peloton take on Constitution Hill – a cobbled street which reaches gradients of 20 per cent.

"We were told beforehand it was steep, cobbled and hard," he said. "I was in the main group and when we turned the corner it looked like a wall of people, I was really impressed by that."

The former national road race champion, who has signed up to stay at Rapha for next year, completes his season with a stage race in Tobago next week.



RECORD BREAKERS: Blackheath & Bromley Harriers' girls' relay team in Poland

Girls relay team run fastest time in club's history

A SUCCESSFUL outing at the European Champions Club Cup ended on a high as Blackheath & Bromley Harriers' girls broke a club record.

The 4x400 metres team shaved four seconds off their previous mark to win the final event in Bydgoszcz, Poland, last weekend. It saw them finish fourth overall in the competition's top group, which was won by Fenerbahce Spor Kulubu from Turkey.

Organisers allowed schoolchildren in for free, with an estimated 10,000 cheering on the competitors.

Mike Sheppard, assistant to team manager Tom Soutar, said: "It was a terrific atmosphere, which was quite exciting. The girls were signing autographs and they were absolutely chuffed."

"We stay in the top division for next year and if you look at the ages of the team the majority will be able to carry on next year if they stick at it. It's a great experience."

The team were representing Britain at the event for the fifth successive year after topping the rankings in the National Junior League last summer. After winning the domestic competition again this year they will return to Europe's top junior club competition in 12 months' time, which is rumoured to be held in Barcelona.

In addition to the 4x400m relay, there were also wins for the 4x100m team, Savannah Echel-Thompson in the 400m and Sarah Abrams in the high jump.

Unlucky Leon set to call time on season due to wrist injury

LEON Camier says he is highly unlikely to feature in the final round of the World Superbike Championship after failing to overcome a broken wrist.

The Ashford rider, competing in his debut season in the series, has been forced to sit on the sidelines after breaking his wrist following a freak accident at the Nurburgring three weeks ago.

After suffering the disappointment of missing the penultimate round at Imola in Italy today, his mood would have been lifted after signing a new deal with Aprilia this week.

After a successful operation on his broken scaphoid bone, the 23-year-old is yet to make a decision to compete in the final round in France next weekend, but the reigning British Superbike champion believes his season is more or less over.

He said: "Every day it is getting better and better and we are going to play it day by day to see if I will be able to race at Magny Cours [October 3].



OPERATION: Wrist injury looks to have put an end to Leon Camier's season



Picture: NICK DUNNAN

"Aprilia have been really good and they are not pressuring me to come back if I'm not ready. I've been advised by doctors and the physio not to do the race.

"If it was a broken leg similar to what Valentino Rossi did earlier this season it would be completely different. As it's a wrist it's a real fickle thing to get right. It's something I'm not taking lightly and I want to get it right before I come

back. I don't want to make it worse."

With Aprilia set to claim the rider's title with Max Biaggi as well as the constructors' crown this year, Camier is looking forward to the possibility of an even more successful second season with the marque team.

He said: "We've done a lot of work on our set-up so hopefully next year we can take even more steps forward."

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QUICK RECOVERY: Mike Conway is on the mend after Indy 500 smash

Conway eyes a race return

INDY 500 crash survivor Mike Conway will discover next week if he will make a miraculous return to the cockpit for the final round of the Indycar season.

The racer from Sevenoaks, who cheated death by escaping an horrific 220mph accident at the Indianapolis 500 in May, has been in a race against time to prove his fitness in order to make his return to the championship in Miami next Sunday.

The 26-year-old escaped the scene of the accident with fractures to his back and left leg which sidelined him for three months. The ex-Formula 3 champion has been involved in a rigorous recovery pro-

gram involving physiotherapy, kriotherapy and racing simulators to build up the strength in his leg and back.

On Thursday he completed a medical in a bid to prove his fitness to compete at the Homestead Speedway and a decision is due to be announced on Monday. Although pleased with the pace of his recovery, he believes a return to racing next season is most likely.

He told Speedtv said: "It was a possibility; it's still a bit undecided. It would have been good to get back for the final race, definitely, but the goal is long-term, not just Homestead, so that's where we have focused."

Picture: JAY GALLERY

Picture: HELEN WATSON



MEDAL HOPE:
Dan Caprice
(centre, playing
for Blackheath)

Caprice eyes sevens gold at Delhi games

RUGBY is the only thing on Dan Caprice's mind as the Blackheath player prepares to fly to India in search of Commonwealth gold with the England Sevens squad.

The Games have been surrounded in turmoil and controversy over the past fortnight, with several teams delaying their travel plans and a number of England's medal hopes pulling out in the week leading up to the team's departure.

For 20-year-old Caprice, though, the quality of his surroundings pales into insignificance against the prospect of helping his country triumph on one of the world's biggest sporting stages.

"I hadn't really heard anything [about the problems in India] until the last few days on the news," he said. "I know we're committed to going ahead and we're not too worried about the state of the accommodation."

"I remember watching it on TV years ago when I was at school, and it's always been in the back of my head to compete at the Commonwealths. It'll be the same teams [that we play in the IRB World Sevens Series] out there, but it's another level when there's the opportunity of going for gold. It would be a massive achievement to get a medal."

Originally selected in England's 17-man training squad in mid-July, Caprice had to wait nine weeks to discover if he had made the party of 12 chosen to compete in Delhi.

The Chatham-born utility back, who has also played for Maidstone and the Kent county XV, admitted to nerves prior to the final squad announcement, having spent all summer building towards what will be the biggest event of his career to date.

He will play under England skipper and Sevens legend Ben Gollings at the two-day tournament, having previously appeared for his country at six World Series events.

"It was just a relief," Caprice said. "All summer, we've been working towards it, so it's a bit late in the day to find out. It's the longest time any England team's been together so it's fantastic preparation. We're in the best nick, fitness-wise."

The Commonwealth Games are due to begin next Sunday, with the 16-team Sevens tournament taking place on October 11. England face Australia, Sri Lanka and Uganda in the pool stages as they bid to emulate the silver medal they won in Melbourne four years ago.

Athletics facilities tick right boxes for Aussies

Team to use county as base prior to London Olympics

By **STEVE Tervet**

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SIGNING: (l-r) Australia high-performance manager Eric Hollingsworth and double Olympic gold medalist Dame Kelly Holmes

TONBRIDGE School will host Australia's Olympic athletics team prior to the 2012 London Games after beating off competition from around Europe.

Having signed a memorandum of understanding to train at the school for a fortnight ahead of the Olympics, Athletics Australia bosses described the school's facilities as "perfect" preparation for what they hope will be a six-medal haul.

Hildenborough's Dame Kelly Holmes was also present at the signing and she expressed her excitement at the prospect of the Australia squad training in the town where she started her athletics career.

A double Olympic gold-medallist herself, Dame Kelly said the Australians could not have chosen anywhere better to prepare themselves for the Games than Tonbridge.

She said: "From an athlete's perspective, you want to go somewhere that's relaxed. That means the professionalism of your

environment and the training venues need to be up to scratch and work like clockwork.

"Travel from here to the Games' site is good because once you come to a holding camp you're pretty much in the zone of competition, you know your final preparation is for what could be the performance of your life. For athletics, they've got it all here, anything they could ever want."

The memorandum was signed by Athletics Australia president Rob Fildes, although he admitted the decision to base his country's athletes at Tonbridge – rather

than Germany or the Middle East – had been made by the squad's high-performance manager, Eric Hollingsworth.

A former Great Britain decathlete, Hollingsworth felt his local knowledge had paid off during the selection process and said Tonbridge ticked every box for his athletes.

"Being an Englishman, I was very aware public schools here are renowned for their facilities," he said. "I started mapping where I thought the best weather was, that cross-reference came up with Tonbridge and the process started from there."

"We're very successful in walks so we need lots of room for our guys to walk and feel comfortable. They need to feel free so the grounds and the area we have access to will allow those walkers to have the maximum advantage. Quite possibly, we could get three medals alone for the walks - we've got a number of world champions and Olympic medallists already in that group."

Australia are also targeting success in the long jump and pole vault and they will relay sections of the Tonbridge track closer to the Games to replicate the surface used in the Olympic Stadium at Stratford.

BIRDSEYE VIEW:
Aerial image of the
Tonbridge Schools'
athletics track that
will be used by the
Australians during the
build-up to 2012



BOZZY'S DIARY

TONBRIDGE Athletic Club's Tom Bosworth heads to Delhi with the England team for the Commonwealth Games next week, for what will be the most high-profile tournament of his career. The 20-year-old, who lives in Sevenoaks, takes part in the 20k race walk on October 9.

Here is the first of his exclusive diary entries for KOS Media:

AFTER receiving my team kit last week it became very real that I was part of the England Commonwealth team, and it finally hit home that I would be competing in India in just under two weeks' time.

I have one more session in the environmental chamber at Leeds Carnegie which will be a nice feeling after spending the last three weeks training at 30°C and 60 per cent humidity in an attempt to prepare for conditions in

Delhi. I'm then off to our holding camp in Doha at the beginning of next week.

However, in the week before I am due to fly out, all over the news is the collapsing bridge outside the main stadium, the terrible state of the athletes' village and even the chance of the Games being called off altogether.

Fear for the success of the Games has taken over nerves about the race.

Thoughts have gone through my mind over

'Fear for success of Games has overtaken race nerves'

my own safety as well as my family and travelling fans in Delhi.

I must say though, that in the run up to our departure, England Athletics have been very supportive and have educated all participants as well as possible, which has included providing us with videos of where we are staying and supplying medical kits.

I have my full trust in Team England security and team staff as well as the Commonwealth organisers to ensure we have a safe and memorable Games.

Right now I'm the fittest I have ever been and am ready to race, but a lot can change in a few weeks, so I'm keeping my feet firmly on

the ground. It's been a long build-up to what will be an incredible tournament and I can't wait to be standing on the start line on October 9.

Just before I left I had the chance to visit the walking team at Tonbridge AC, led by my coach of seven years, Peter Selby, who looked after me before I moved to the race walking centre in Leeds.

I know they are there backing me all the way, just like they have been over the last few years as my career has developed.

• Follow Tom's progress during the Commonwealth Games via our twitter page at www.twitter.com/kentsport.



WINDY CITY: Danny Spiller turned down the bright lights of Chicago to fight for his place at Gillingham

'Chicago wasn't my kind of town'

Gills midfielder glad to be home after spell in US with Major League club

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

PLAYING alongside Freddie Ljungberg might sound preferable than sharing a midfield with Mark Bentley, but Danny Spiller feels his form for Gillingham has justified his decision to turn down a move to the United States.

Out of contract in the summer, Spiller spent three weeks on trial at Chicago Fire. The Major League Soccer outfit, whose squad also includes former Premier League strikers Brian McBride and Nery Castillo as well as former Arsenal winger Ljungberg, were suitably impressed and provisionally offered him a contract to start in January.

While the 28-year-old was mulling over the offer he was approached by Andy Hessenthaler about returning to Gillingham.

After spending the first eight years of his career at Priestfield, playing with and

later managed by Hessenthaler, the pull of a return home proved irresistible.

"If it wasn't for the gaffer I would have probably taken the decision to go and play football abroad," Spiller said.

"That for me is something I would probably do at the end of my career now because all the while I can stay at Gillingham, I'll be happy to do that.

"I enjoyed it out there [in Chicago], the lifestyle would have been good and the facilities were amazing, but this is my home and I'd take this over anything at the moment."

Injury

The homecoming has been mutually beneficial to date. In the three years since leaving Gillingham for Millwall a serious hip injury, compounded by repeat mis-diagnosis, meant Spiller played just 21 games.

The uncertainty over his fitness meant Gillingham were reluctant to take too great a risk and offered him a short-term deal until the end of December.

The fears have been unfounded so far and before this weekend Spiller was the

only player in the squad to play every minute of the first nine games, his best run since 2007.

Hessenthaler is delighted with the midfielder's contributions and plans to speak to chairman Paul Scally to arrange an extension until the end of the season.

He said: "It's great because as a player that's had problems injury-wise and not played many games over the last couple of years, he was hungry to show people Danny Spiller was still a good player and can perform at this level and beyond.

"I think he's been one of our best performers."

For Spiller, returning to the club where he made his name has been a cathartic experience.

He said: "I've been enjoying football again and I feel like I've arrived home.

"I know that sounds a bit soppy but that's how I feel, I'm comfortable here with the surroundings, the management, players and fans. I think that's probably why I'm back playing to almost my best football. Everyone that knows me can see the changes, I'm just grateful I'm back here."



IN-FORM: Dover striker Adam Birchall

Whites hope to keep top striker

DOVER boss Martin Hayes expects interest for his star striker Adam Birchall to mount after a goal-scoring start to the season, but insists only an offer from a "big club" could tempt him away from Crabble.

With seven goals in nine league games, the 25-year-old Maidstone-born striker has picked up from where he left off last season, where he bagged 18 goals in all competitions for the Whites.

Birchall, who began at Arsenal, joined Dover on a two-year deal at the start of last season in a bid to rebuild his career in the hope of making a return to the Football League. Hayes has been impressed with the former Wales under-21's performances so far and following the forward's hat-trick against Farnborough last weekend, he expects his top striker to attract attention from higher league opposition.

Hayes said: "Putting the ball in the back of the net is the most difficult thing in football, so when a striker is scoring goals like Adam is, it is always going to attract attention. However, I think it would take an offer from a big club to prize him away from us because he is really enjoying his football with us at the moment. That's a big factor with players when they have to make decisions."

He added: "At this rate he will be looking to score 20-25 goals this season and this could see him playing Conference football for us next season."

Birchall and Dover were in action yesterday when they began their FA Cup campaign at Erith Town. Log on to www.kentsport.co.uk for a full report.



KEY PLAYER: Darts skipper Billy Burgess

Burgess injury blow for Darts

DARTFORD are set to be without influential skipper Billy Burgess for up to three more weeks as he continues his recovery from injury.

The former Welling United defender dislocated his shoulder during Dartford's 2-0 defeat at Chelmsford City last month and has been out of action since then. Burgess played a pivotal role in the Darts' defence during last season's run to the Ryman Premier League title.

Boss Tony Burman believes his defender faces a further two or three weeks on the sidelines before he can make his return to first-team action.

Promotion a high price for Conference clubs

TWO of Kent's biggest senior football clubs admit promotion would do them more harm than good if they were to make it into the top tier of the non-league pyramid.

With so many former Football League clubs now playing in Conference Premier, the playing budgets required to compete are steadily climbing, while travel costs are also prohibitive to many sides.

Ebbsfleet United, relegated from the division last season, are still struggling to make ends meet under the MyFootballClub ownership model and are finding their feet in Conference South.

Meanwhile, Bromley have made a flying start and they top the same division after winning seven of their first nine games, but the Lillywhites too feel any step up this season would come too soon.

"The club's not ready yet," said Bromley chairman Jeremy Dolke, who cut manager Mark Goldberg's budget at the end of last season. "We didn't expect to start the season so well, if I'm being honest. Mark, in his mind, wants to be very competitive in this league and he wouldn't prepare any other way, but we're in a league where we know we can compete."



STEP UP: Bromley (left in red) and Ebbsfleet (right) would find balancing the books a struggle if they were to win promotion to Conference National next season

Decreasing MyFC subscription numbers left Ebbsfleet fighting a losing battle in Conference Premier and even one level down they face a challenge to balance the books.

Phil Sonsara, who took over as chairman from Duncan Holt in the close-season, said: "The most important thing is the continuity of the football club. The fans would obvi-



ously want to see the football club higher, but you have to look at what is best for the business.

"We have retained a solid fan-base and we've got a good squad, but off the pitch, the club is struggling. We have very limited resources and we're having to address that on a day-to-day basis."

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'WE'RE IN NO RUSH'

Clifford says club is not ready to commit on squad size just yet

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT chief executive Jamie Clifford insists the club will not be rushed into making decisions about the playing budget or into offering contracts to players whose deals expire at the end of next season.

With six players having been released at the end of the season, including leading fast bowler Amjad Khan, all indications are that the squad will consist of the remaining 15

contracted players. Additions to the squad are highly unlikely this winter as the club looks to tighten its belt and bring the playing side into line to reflect the club's financial state off the field.

A meeting with players and coaching staff was held at St Lawrence earlier this week to enable them to see first hand the difficulties facing the county.

Described by Clifford as "positive", it was Kent's attempt at being open with the players after several questioned whether the county were going to be competitive next season.

A cricket and general committee meeting also took place on Tuesday evening where Rob Key was reappointed captain and the playing budget for next season was discussed, although Clifford said a decision on the make-up of next summer's squad is yet to be made.

"We did talk about budgets and what the cricket budget will be next year," he said. "I guess players will be moving from the Academy to the main staff, so that increases the numbers slightly. I would say that it's early days. We have now gone through what our objectives are for next season and I guess the next bit is how that fits financially."

"It will become clearer in due course, but I think it's a bit early to be saying this is going to be the shape of the side. I actually think we shouldn't be making quick decisions after the first meeting at the end of the season."

Negotiating

Fighting for promotion in Division Two of the County Championship and doing well in one-day cricket are the objectives for 2011, but more pressing than that is negotiating deals with several of the club's bright young stars.

The likes of Joe Denly, Matt Coles and Sam Northeast are all out of contract at the end of next season and the coaching staff are keen to tie them down to longer term deals.

Clifford said that with players spending some or all of the winter abroad, sitting down with them to discuss contracts might not happen quickly, but it will be done with a view to what the squad will look like in 2012.

"I don't want to go into individual players' circumstances, but we will speak to all players and discuss contract extensions in a very open way," he said. "I don't want to pre-empt conversations I am going to have with players in due course, similarly I don't want to



IN GOOD TIME: Jamie Clifford (right) says Kent will sit down with the likes of Matt Coles (above) to talk about contracts, but there is no rush

Pictures: ADY KERRY

Key told to carry on as captain



STILL SKIPPER: Rob Key

THE CLUB moved quickly this week to reappoint Rob Key as captain to help stabilise the Kent dressing room after a turbulent couple of weeks.

The 31-year-old, who has also been awarded a benefit for 2011, is seen as many to be one of the best captains on the county circuit and despite a lean season with the bat, was unanimously reappointed club skipper.

Jamie Clifford, Kent's chief executive, said keeping Key as captain was vital.

"I think it is a really important thing to get the captain known as early as possible and I think that helps provide stability," he said. "The play-

ers enjoy playing under him and from a club perspective, there's not a lot more you can want from your captain. He is the sort of captain we need, especially when you know things are going to be tough."

The East Dulwich-born right-hander made his first-class debut for Kent in 1998 before taking over from David Fulton as captain at the end of the 2006 season.

Key said: "I am pleased to be given the captaincy again for 2011. I now have the opportunity to hopefully put right the things we didn't do this year. It is a great honour to be awarded a benefit and I fully appreciate how lucky I am to receive one."

unsettle them, but clearly we are going to make offers to players.

"We have one eye on what our squad will be in 2012 and further ahead. I think we do have to think that far ahead and that's the challenge for the coaching team. We're committed to making sure we have as competitive a squad in 2012 and will be having further discussions with players in due course."

THE long-awaited redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury will begin on Monday. Work on the new

administration building, which will be based near the electronic scoreboard, will mark the start of the £8.2 million project.

Clifford said: "I'm really excited about it because when you have worked on it for as many years as we have and then you get to the day the work starts - well, we're very pleased. It's been an interesting project because when you think you've moved a step closer you end up taking a step further back, but there's a certainty now that it's going to start happening. It's brilliant news and is the centre of where we are trying to go next."

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Injury, not security, why Lisa quit Games

WORRIES surrounding athletes' safety at the Commonwealth Games did not play a part in Lisa Dobriskey's decision to withdraw this week.

The reigning Commonwealth 1500-metre champion announced on Tuesday she was pulling out of the Games in India, citing an upper leg injury picked up in Zurich last month.

Several reports this week have highlighted safety and hygiene issues with facilities in Delhi, forcing some athletes to question the decision to compete.

Triple jumper Phillips Idowu is the highest profile member of England's team to decide this week the trip was not worth the risk.

Dobriskey, 26, however, claims it was not a factor in her decision to quit the event and would have been happy to

compete if England officials deemed the facilities were up to scratch.

She told Kent on Sunday: "At the time I withdrew I wasn't aware of the major issues that have arisen over the past few days. It didn't play a part in my decision at all."

"I couldn't train sustainably enough to be in the situation where I could go and compete in three rounds and be at my best physical condition for a championship. Had I gone out and competed on it, it would just prolong the injury."

"I'm really disappointed, I would have loved to have given the title defence a good shot. You hear all these things coming out of India and it is a bit of a shame really. It's blighted the whole thing."

Dobriskey is expected to return to training next month.



REIGNING CHAMPION: Lisa Dobriskey had hoped to defend her 1500m title in Delhi